

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
APRIL 8, 2019

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular scheduled meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Howard S. Reyburn
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Bill Hovis Colin Kraunucas
 Bill Beers Karl Herr
 Chris Daily Qamar Ahmad
 Harold Bryson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Scott Rugen. After the Salute to the Flag, Howard Reyburn led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments at this time.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the March 11, 2019 Regular Minutes and the March 25, 2019 Work Session Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF DELAWARE – This land development plan was presented by Chris Daily. The Society received an adequate letter from Chester County Conservation District and received a waiver from submitting a Planning Module from DEP. A Performance Guarantee agreement is being looked at by the Township Solicitor and a Letter of Credit will be set-up.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Islamic Society of Delaware Land Development Plan for a cemetery, based upon recommendation of the Upper Oxford Township Planning Commission and last revised plan dated February 28, 2019, Project No. 3292, contingent upon an adequate Performance Guarantee being received and reviewed by the Township Solicitor.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Stormwater Best Management Practices and Conveyances Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the changes noted as follows:

#5 – The Municipality intends to inspect the BMP and conveyance at a minimum of once every **“Ten”** years to determine if they continue to function as required.

#8 – Landowner shall reimburse the Municipality for all expenses (direct and indirect) incurred with **“90”** days of delivery of an invoice from the Municipality.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

RICHARD HARTSHORNE – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Stormwater Best Management practices and Conveyances Operations and Maintenance Agreement with language to show at Note #5 – every 10 years and at Note #8 – every 90 days.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

AMISH SCHOOL – Scott explained to the others that Mr. Levi Glick was present at the Planning Commission meeting requesting that the Township consider changing the zoning which allows for only 30 pupils to attend an Amish School at a time. (Section 1420.C.) Mr. Glick stated that usually if the numbers would reach thirty-five (35) pupils, then plans would go forward to have a new school erected. The surrounding Townships do not limit the number of students allowed.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to formally request the Planning Commission to look at Section 1420.C. of the Zoning Ordinance and advise the Board.

Reyburn - Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

SIGNS FOR AMISH CHILDREN WALKING – Scott reached out to the Road Master to give the Board an estimate on what it would cost to purchase and install signs along the roads which the Amish children walk to their schools. Signs would be need on Catamount Road, Route 896 for Saw Mill School and Pusey Mill Road.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the purchase of “Children Walking” signs and have the Road Master install them.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ZONING – Scott read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month. Bill Beers was investigating a zoning complaint about a timber harvest on Pusey Mill Road. Mr. Beers was present and informed the Board that he received a Deed of Conservation Easement and a copy of the E & S Plan for this property. Bill mentioned that when the Board review their zoning ordinances they should look at the definitions of mushroom houses and farms. Bill had a few inquiries regarding this. House Bill #349 was also discussed. This bill would allow applicants applying for building permits to choose among one of three inspection groups. CCATO is recommending that Townships not support this bill.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to recommend to CCATO that Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors oppose House Bill #349.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Abstained

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the Road Master report for the month. The Road Master also reported to Scott that a trench was dug in front of the Heavlow property and the dirt from the trench was piled up against the road way. Also, the silt fence has not been removed. The Road Master should amend his report to show this.

ENGINEER – Scott Rugen read the Engineer’s report for the month.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$40,373.96 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

PLGIT – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the nominees for PLGIT and proxy our vote to Kim Buchanan, President and Brian Hessesenthaler, Secretary/Treasurer of PLGIT.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

RAIN GARDEN – Bill Hovis was present and discussed with the Supervisors the status of the rain garden. Bill received an estimate from Green Weaver who would charge \$3620.00/annually to maintain the garden. Scott has been in contact with someone from Penn State who is willing to come and give us advice and a plan on how to maintain the garden. The Board gave approval for the Road Crew to weed-whack the growth down to 6” level, one time per year. Bill will mark where the shrubs are and then inform the office to let the road crew know they can proceed..

ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR – Charlie stated that he is still on the committee and had an outside meeting with one of the other members of the committee.

VISTA 2025 – An offer is in front of the County – if an applicant can have a project with the end design showing a savings – costs will be loaned from the County and payback came be made over time.

PIPELINE SAFETY – Would like more people to be involved.

ROAD INSPECTION – Dates are being considered for a road inspection.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary