

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
April 12, 2021

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: William Beers Stanley Reyburn
 Merle Reyburn Bridgette Johnson

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Scott Rugen. After the Salute to the Flag, Scott Rugen 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 8, 2021 Minutes as amended:

Page 2 – Recycling trailers should be changed to “Recycling Bins”

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

EXECUTIVE SESSION – was held March 8, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. via telephone with Ron Ragan, township engineer; Matt Brubaker from Terrain Services and all three Supervisors.

MERLE REYBURN – was present and informed the Supervisors that he is finished with his Life Rank Project. Merle started his Life Rank Project in February 2020. *He purchased three posts from Esche Fencing and then had five members of Troop 44 held him install the posts in the ground. In April 2020, he worked on concreting the stand for the 15-foot aluminum pole in the ground. Upper Oxford Township purchased the pole. After calculating how much concrete he would need, he concreted the pole in the ground at the park. In August 2020, he finished the platform for his Purple Martin birdhouses and mounted two of his five smaller birdhouses on trees. In December 2020 he mounted the Purple Martin houses. In January 2021 he put up the final three small houses and finished his project by touching up the paint.* More of Merle’s project can be read on the township’s website. Merle is currently looking for an Eagle Project. This would entail any leadership project that would benefit the community. The Board thanked Merle once again for his project. A copy of the report will be posted on our website.

BRIDGETT JOHNSON – was present to voice her concerns with the Board regarding the puddling of water on her property and a few other residents on Old Limestone Road. Bridgette questioned the Board on her options for getting the water to drain. Charlie mentioned that some grants may be attainable in the future to fix dirt and gravel roads and low-lying roads. However, that would require getting easements from property owners in order to place drainage pipes. Howard suggested doing some excavating work while we wait for easements. Scott suggested that it may be helpful to have our engineer review this. Bridgette will send some pictures that the Secretary can forward to the township engineer.

JOHN W. AND CHRISTY POOLE – Have completed a Simplified Storm Water Plan which has been approve by the township engineer. Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the John W. and Christy Poole Simplified Storm Water Plan submitted by John W. and Christy Poole.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

JOHN STOLTZFUS – is requesting a Zoning Hearing to erect an Amish school at 150 Rock Woods Road. A revised application was received April 12th. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to have the township solicitor, Thomas Oeste, uphold the existing zoning ordinance.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

DCNR COMMUNITY AND RECREATION AND CONSERVATION PLANNING – The Board of Supervisors agreed to send a letter of support for DCNR. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to send a letter of support to DCNR Community and Recreation and Conservation Planning. A letter will be forwarded to Mark Gallant to forward to the appropriate parties. Additionally, Charlie will inform the ORPC.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann - Yea

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –ORPC would like an inventory list putting together four or five items to help the community. Howard mentioned that we previously sent a letter of support for the Nottingham intersection.

CELL TOWER/FINANCIAL SECURITY – The tower is interested in buying a perpetual easement from the township. Charlie compared price analysis of considering this as opposed to annual fees we receive now. Additionally, the tower was to set up a financial security amount which they never did. Charlie will contact them informing them that the lease is not worth pursuing at this time and also informing them of the breach of contract.

AUDITORS – Permission was given by the Supervisors for the three Auditors to attend a virtual training class at the cost of \$35.00 each.

AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT – This was discussed by the Board. It is still unclear on how this money may be used at this time. More information will be forthcoming.

ZONING – Supervisor Rugen read the zoning report for the month.

ROADS – Supervisor Rugen read the road report for the month.

ENGINEER – Supervisor Rugen read the engineer 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 \$53,114.55 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Abstained

Fleischmann - Yea

VACCINE SITE – Permission was given to Market Fresh Farms along with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to have a covid vaccine site for farm workers in the area. The site will be held at Market Fresh Farms, 6 Dalin Drive, Lincoln University (Upper Oxford Township).

RECYCLING AREA – currently has a chain across the drive. This will not be closed off permanently since people park there to view the rain garden and overflow from the township park parking.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett, Secretary

