

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
APRIL 13, 2015**

The Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Scott A. Rugen
 Betsy E. Huber
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary
 Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission

OTHERS: Chris Coburn Denise Rugen
 Bill and Karen Hovis Tim Hancock
 Ed Jefferis Glenn Ranck
 Ed Thornton Blair Fleischmann
 Susan Hancock

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-chairman, Betsy Huber (The Chairman voice was hoarse so Betsy conducted the meeting)

After the Salute to the Flag, Betsy Huber led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Frances Reyburn reported that the township needs a new flag. She was informed that one was already purchased this past week. There were no other comments.

MINUTES - Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the March 9, 2015 Minutes.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

LEVI GLICK – 2 Lot Subdivision. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to accept and grant the extension from Levi Glick 2 Lot Subdivision plan until June 15, 2016.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

SAMUEL STOLTZFUS – Add-on Plan. This plan was processed by Lower Oxford Township. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the Final Add-on Plan of Samuel Stoltzfus, Project #1462.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

MCQUEEN/RANCK/STOLTZFUS – 2 Lot Subdivision on Ewing Road. This property is under agricultural preservation. A letter was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation giving approval of this subdivision. A note will be added to the plans stating that “Per a letter dated December 12, 2014 from the Bureau of Farmland Preservation, Lot #2 is to retain the right to build the additional residential structure”.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to grant the three waivers that were requested by applicants as follows:

- Section 501.J.1 – Monument pins
- Section 617 – Survey Monuments and Stakes
- Section 501.K – Physical Features.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the 2 Lot Subdivision Plan of McQueen/Ranck/Stoltzfus subject to the plans identifying which property has the residential structure rights.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

UNION FIRE COMPANY – The Township received an invitation to the April 29th meeting. Scott will plan on attending and representing the Township.

PLANTINGS – Permission was given to forward \$30.00 to Fran Sharon to purchase plantings for the flower beds in front of the township building.

ROUTE 896/HOMEVILLE ROAD – The Supervisors discussed the problem on Route 896 with oversize loads. Penn Dot representative Harry Schools has checked this area out also and suggested we contact Lancaster County to coordinate an effort to prevent oversize loads from traveling Route 896 starting at Route 10 in Upper Oxford Township and ending in Lancaster County, the place to be determined. Mr. Schools will place stop bars at the stop sign on Homeville before the turn onto North Route 896. Charlie will send a letter to Jason Bewley, Traffic Control in Harrisburg and will give him Don Centofante’s number, Controller in District 6. The Supervisors agreed that they would like “Local Traffic Only” in this area.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen notifying Penn Dot Traffic Unit for Chester County accepting their offer to restrict traffic to “Local Traffic Only” on Route 896.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to contact Lancaster County Traffic Unit to request them to coordinate with Chester County to restrict truck traffic to “Local Truck Traffic” only in Lancaster County on Route 896.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

2015 ROAD CONSTRUCTION – The Supervisors discussed some changes to their previously Road Construction work for 2015. The following roads will be oiled and chipped: Grist Mill, Waterwheel, Mill Race, Marie Lane, bottom of Catamount, portion of Glenville and Village. Patching will be done on Leaman, over the little bridge and black topping will be done on the edges of Forest Manor, Hawkins and Glenville. Ricky will be instructed to provide figures to the Supervisors for the road work and also to the Secretary in order for her to advertise the work.

BENUEL LAPP – Simplified Storm Water Agreement – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to sign the Simplified Storm Water Best Water Practices Agreement on recommendation of the township engineer. This agreement between Mr. Lapp and the Township will be filed at the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

WATERMARK ROAD BRIDGE/PENN DOT – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to fill out the Penn Dot form listing Upper Oxford Township as being interested in being a consultant party, with the Secretary, Jane Daggett listed as the contact for the Watermark Bridge Project.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

BY WAY INTEREST FORM WORKSHEET – Will be postponed until next month.

FEDERAL HISTORIC TAX CREDIT – LETTER OF SUPPORT – A letter is being circulated lobbying Congress to keep the Historic Tax Credit. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to add Upper Oxford Township to the list of names supporting the Federal Tax Credit with the Senate Finance Committee.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ZONING – Betsy read the Zoning Officer’s, Bill Beers, report for the month. Betsy will call Bill regarding the Alldridge property and inform him that this property will not be exempt from the Storm Water plan.

ROADS – Betsy read Ricky Railing’s report for the month. Charlie is waiting to hear from Ricky how many rails are needed to fix the fence at the park. Ricky will be reimbursed \$138.00 (\$46.00/3 days) for use of his vehicle to commute to the State Convention at Hershey, PA. and back. This is the price of what a rental car would cost. The noxious grasses growing at Penns Grove and Windemere were discussed. The Township will take care of the bank and Charlie will give the property owner the name of someone who would be willing to mow.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Frances Reyburn reported that the newsletters have been mailed out. The deadline for the next newsletter is September 1, 2015. The commission is waiting for Seth Hinshaw for the next step in the determination of eligibility for Homeville or Russellville as a historic district.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$64,979.46 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

GIRL SCOUTS – Tammy Ramsberger Girl Scout Troop would like to do a project at our park. Some items that could be done by the Troop is clean up broken branches and sticks and also mulch the areas under the playground equipment.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary