

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
JULY 13, 2020**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Stanley Reyburn Karl Herr
 Janet and Howard Robinson Bill Beers
 Ann Marie and Paul Kelly Jason Yaletchko

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Stanley Reyburn discussed with the Supervisors again the possibility of having the lights repaired in the park pavilion. Scott mentioned that the township did not want to spend a lot of money due to the vandalism at the park sometimes. Additionally, the park rules states that the park closes at dusk. The Supervisors will have the Road Master check into getting some shop (utility) lights to hang on the rafters which could be taken down each time. The Secretary will have him check to see if we have a live outlet. Stanley Reyburn will work with the Road Master on this project.

MINUTES - Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the June 8, 2020 Minutes as they are and the June 22, 2020 Work Session Minutes as amended adding Howard Reyburn, via telephone, as attending the work session.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

HOWARD AND JANET ROBINSON – are interested in having their farms, approximately 61 acres placed in the agricultural preserve with the County’s Challenge Grant Program. Upper Oxford Township additionally partners with the County in this program. Fourteen years ago, the Robinsons signed up for the program and at the last minutes rescinded their application because they were told by an Upper Oxford Township spokesman that the preserved land must remain fallow and no animals can be grazed on the land. At that time, they were offered \$400,000.00. Now, they have applied again to the County program and have been offered \$220,000.00. They discussed with the Supervisors the possibility of Upper Oxford Township paying more than the appraisal value. Supervisor Rugen stated that the Municipal Planning Code does not allow a township to pay more than the appraisal value for open space. The Robinsons are getting a second appraisal done and will report back to the township.

TURNERS POND – Phorid Flies – Residents of Turners Pond were present to discuss with the Supervisors the problems they are having with the invasion of phorid flies in their homes coming from the mushroom farms. Since the chemical diazinon was prohibited from use in the mushroom farms, the homes have been flooded with these flies. The residents are working with the Entomology Department of Penn State as well as the American Mushroom Institute and the Phorid Fly Action Committee which was started by the New Garden Township residents to find a solution. The residents spend considerable amounts of money buying fly strips, bug zappers and other insecticides to try to rid their homes of the insects. The residents are hoping the Township can act as an advocate in helping them find a solution to this problem. Some suggestions are to have the Township contact Dr. Wolf of Penn State, have the Zoning Officer contact Sherrockee Mushrooms, contact Rachel Roberts of the American Mushroom Growers to invite to a meeting, advise the ORPC and the Farm Bureau of this problem. Supervisor Rugen stated that he did reach out to New Garden Township and Kennett Township but did not hear a response.

RESOLUTION#2020 – 7 – AMOS ESH PLANNING MODULE - Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve Resolution #2020-7 which is the Amos Esh Planning Module and supersedes the previous Resolution #2020 – 2.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen - Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

DANIEL AND SARAH STOLTZFUS – 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.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

2020/21 SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve and enter into the 2020/21 Snow Removal Contract with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ZONNG – Scott Rugen read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month. Bill was present and informed the Supervisors that he is still monitoring the issue with Dr. Martin’s property and DEP. He also informed the Board that Amycel will be selling their property to Premium Power Services.

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the Road Master’s report for the month.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - - Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$68,103.00 from the State Fund and the amount of \$40,311.54 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

RUSSELLVILLE SEPTIC ISSUES – Jody Solarie contacted Howard about selling her house in Russellville and if Howard was aware of future issues with septic problems. The Supervisors discussed the possibility of assisting residents obtain a low interest loan as a solution to their septic problems. Scott will try to re-visit the website from the County regarding pumping. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

TOWNSHIP PARK – The supervisors discussed options of clean up for the township park doing the weekends in order to limit the amount of time our employees must spend at the park.

ORPC – HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Scott Rugen will be our contact person regarding the ORPC historic meetings and Howard Reyburn will be the contact for the ORPC Steering Committee.

WORK SESSION – Will be held July 27th to discuss the Weed Ordinance, Riparian Buffer Ordinance and Woodland Mapping.

COVID 19 – Scott mentioned that the Covid 19 cases are pretty level and testing is still available. The Incident Command Center has closed. Charlie mentioned the PSATS are holding their seminars on-line.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett, Secretary

