

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 12, 2019**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Clifford Gray Bill Hovis
 Susan Hancock

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - At this time there were no public comments.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the July 8, 2019 Regular Minutes and the July 22, 2019 Work Session Minutes as presented.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

CLIFFORD GRAY – resident of Spring Valley Road was present to discuss with the Board of Supervisors a subdivision/add-on lot that he is considering. The parcel is approximately 14 acres and is under Act 319 at the present. This was a previous subdivision in 1990. The Supervisors also suggested to Mr. Gray that he check with the County regarding if roll-back taxes would be due.

SUE WALKER – District Director on behalf of Representative Chrissy Houlahan was present to introduce their office, give a brief update on their activities and legislative committee that Representative Houlahan is involved in and also to ask if the township had any concerns or questions that Representative Houlahan could be helpful with. The Supervisors thanked Mrs. Walker for attending.

DRIVEWAY GUIDELINES – A draft of driveway guidelines was presented to the Board previously by the Road Master, Andy DiFilippo and reviewed by the Board. A copy will be given to the Zoning Officer for review and this will be addressed next month.

BILL HOVIS – PARK COMMITTEE – Mr. Hovis forwarded a sample of a sign explain our Rain Garden. Bill previously viewed some sign at a park that he was visiting and thought it was quite informative. Bill will pursue this and also check out the signs at Fair Hill. Bill stated that he has been in contact with Merryl Reyburn, the scout that will be building bird boxex at our park. Scott informed Bill that he should see what other materials Merryl would need and report back to the Supervisors. Charlie stated that the fence and posts at the Park need replaced. Scott will talk to the Road Master regarding this.

AMYCEL – The Zoning Officer, William Beers and the Township Solicitor, Thomas Oeste are currently working on a letter to send to Amycel regarding their proposed land development. They both agreed, however, that it is an agriculture operation.

WILLIAM AND ANNE RAWLE/CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM – This contract was previously approved by the Board of Supervisors and scheduled for installments payments. Since the Rawles would rather have a lump sum, the contract was voided by the County and a new contract drawn up and sent to Upper Oxford Township.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve and sign the Funding Agreement and the Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of an Agricultural Conservation Easement for Project #1, which is 42 acres and Project #2 which is 59.58 acres for William and Anne Rawle.

Reyburn - *

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann - Yea

- - **Howard Reyburn abstained from voting on this.**

ECO SITE – Our Solicitor, Thomas Oeste is reviewing the contract with Eco Site for a cell tower. We have not received the “OK” from Tom. There are some minor details which need to be corrected. Resident, Susan Hancock questioned the Supervisors if they have looked into if there are any dangers to residents living near the tower. The Supervisors stated that putting a tower on our property benefits the whole township.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the Memorandum of Lease and the Lease Agreement between Upper Oxford Township and Eco Site II condition upon the Township Solicitor’s approval and satisfactory to Supervisor Charles Fleischmann questions answered on his posted email of last Monday to Scott and Howard.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

Following the Solicitor’s approval, the Supervisors will come back in and sign the agreements.

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

ZONING – Scott Rugen read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month. The Zoning Officer is going to check with other Townships to see their requirements for people that keep animals. The Zoning Officer also informed the Supervisors that the property on Route 926 is being cleaned up and is listed for sale.

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the Road Master’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 \$94,865.38 from the State Fund and \$39,776.28 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

COCHRANVILLE FIRE CO. – Will hold their annual meeting on September 16, 2019. Scott will try to attend.

RIPARIAN BUFFER – The Board of Supervisors will review the draft ordinance and put it on our agenda for next month.

BUILDING – The Oxford Area Republican Committee would like permission to use our building the 3rd Monday of each month. Permission granted.

CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY – Aqua America is trying to buy Chester Water Authoring. Prices will be raised and the land around the reservoir will not allow public use. Aqua is suing Chester Water Authority at the present time. Concerns should be forwarded to the commissions office.

FIELDCREST – Amos Esh has applied to DEP for a planning module for a 5 lot subdivision on Old Limestone Road. This subdivision was previously approved by the Township but was never approved by DEP.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Daggett, Secretary

