

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 13, 2018

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS:	Frances Reyburn	Denise Rugen
	Eugene and Frances Dryden	Susan Hancock
	Bill Hovis	Mike and Amy Somerfield
	Qamar Ahmad, Islamic Society	Muhammad Smith, Islamic Society
	Chris Daily, D. L. Howell	Doris Klein
	Jessica Deutel	Judy and Mike DeGeiso
	Jeff Chalfant	

After the Salute to the Flag, Scott Rugen led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – At this time, public comments were asked for by the Chairman. Mike DeGeiso informed the Board that the bridge on Edenton Road has asphalt falling away from the bridge area. Also, on Newark Road heading north towards the bridge, the possibility of a sinkhole. Damage was also done on Collamer/Village Roads near where Steve Hill previously lived.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the July 9, 2018 Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

209 OLD LIMESTONE ROAD/POOLE PROPERTY – Mrs. Doris Klein along with two of her neighbors presented a letter to the Zoning Officer and Board of Supervisors regarding the property owned by Mr. Poole. Mrs. Klein and her neighbors questioned what action will be taken to improve and clean up this property? The neglect has been going on for years. Weeds have taken over and junk vehicles along with a burned out bus are on the property. DEP has been notified and has examined the property. The residents would like the Supervisors to take immediate action. Supervisor Rugen stated that as far as maintenance of the property, our hands are tied until we adopt a “property maintenance ordinance”. However, the Zoning Officer has been informed that Mr. Poole has contracted with Banks Recycling to remove the bus. A duplicate title was obtained with the help of Representative John Lawrence. Once the bus is removed, DEP will be able to do a soil sample. The residents stressed that they still are concerned about the foundation that has not been filled in and also the asbestos tiles that are thrown around the property. Mr. Chalfant questioned if this property was zoned to be a junk yard and what the fire marshal reported. The property is not zoned for a junk yard and Mr. Chalfant was told to contact the County to find out who the fire marshal is or call the Cochranville Fire Company Chief. Supervisor Rugen thanked the residents for their letter and told Mrs. Klein to follow up with the Secretary.

EUGENE DRYDEN – 216 Forest Manor Road voiced his concerns to the Supervisors about water running down the road into his driveway and property. Mr. Dryden stated that he had 72 gallons of water taken off from his garage floor and that our storm water is coming in his shop and his septic tank. Mr. Dryden stated that if the bank along the road could be pushed back with a drainage ditch, the problem would be taken care of. He is going to have his driveway paved and changed. The Supervisors will ask the Road Master about this problem.

MATT DEUTEL – The driveway issue and running water was discussed by the Supervisors. A letter was received from Mr. Deutel wherein he stated that he has corrected the problem of the water running down the driveway and

across the road. One item that the Supervisors pointed out was that Mr. and Mrs. Deutel had a blacktop skirt around their mail box. Mrs. Deutel informed the Supervisors that other neighbors also had skirts around their mailboxes. Mrs. Deutel stated that a Storm Water plan was done on the property and that the Engineer, Ron Ragan, signed off on completion of the plan. Mike DeGeiso stated that Collamer Road is not crowned properly which causes the problems. Mrs. Deutel mentioned that they would not be able to rip up their driveway due to the cost. Supervisor Rugen suggested waiting until we receive a report from the township engineer, and then all parties involved working together to resolve this problem.

ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF DELAWARE/CEMETERY - Chris Daily of D. L. Howell Associates was present to represent the Islamic Cemetery of Delaware. This parcel which is approximately 16 acre will house approximately 250 graves and have 28 parking spaces. At the Planning Commission meeting, Chris went through the comments from the township engineer’s letter and from the Zoning Hearing decision. The Society can comply with all but two items and are seeking waivers from Section 401.B.2 of the SALDO which defines a Subdivision or Land Development as a major plan, and Section 306.R from the Storm Water Ordinance which requires storm water infiltration BMPs to have a maximum impervious drainage area to BMP footprint of 5:1 and a pervious drainage area to BMP footprint of 8:1. Chris informed the Supervisors that DEP will set guidelines and recommendations from the County will be involved. The time frame to receive a NPDES permit is usually about 45 days. The length of the driveway is 250 feet and 24 feet wide (Chris pointed out a typo error in the Planning Commission Minutes regarding the width of the driveway). Mr. Ahmad was also present and addressed the Supervisors. Mr. Ahmad mentioned that the Planning Commission had questioned about how many burials are held. Based on the figures to date, parking for 20 cars would be sufficient. However, parking could be done on both sides of the driveway depending on the amount of cars attending a service. Chris and Mr. Ahmad both met with Ron Ragan and discussed all comments in detail to his satisfaction and complied with all comments. Chris also explained the imperious drainage is based upon parking area and pervious based on lawn area. Supervisor Rugen suggested moving forward on the two waivers.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to grant a waiver from Section 401.B.2 of the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to grant a waiver from Section 306.R from the Township Storm Water Ordinance.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

(Supervisor Rugen explained the waivers to the audience and read Ron Ragan latest review letter).

RICHARD HARTSHORNE – Reverse Subdivision Plan on Ray Mar Road. Mr. Hartshorne is taking three parcels and combining into one parcel. Supervisor Rugen read the Planning Commission Minutes regarding the plan. Mr. Hartshorne is requesting two waivers. Section 617 showing the location of pins and monuments (applicant will install one monument) and Section 501.K – inclusion of the site physical features to be shown (no development is proposed at this time). The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at their August 6, 2018 meeting that the Supervisors waive the Sections as noted above and approve the Plan.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to waive Section 617 of the SALDO - shows the location of pins and monuments.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to waive Section 501.K of the Storm Water Ordinance - inclusion of the site physical features to be shown.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Richard Hartshorne Reverse Subdivision Plan.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ZONING – Supervisor Rugen read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month.

ENGINEER – There are no updates yet. The Secretary will contact the Engineer and ask for an update on Act 537 and Component 2 for the next work session.

ROADS – Supervisor Rugen read the Road Master’s report for the month. Webb Road required much work after the storm.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Approximately 225 people attended the farm tour held at Phillip Edwards farm on August 9, 2018. The tour was a big success and Supervisor Rugen thanked the Historic Commission for their hard work in planning this event. Scott informed the audience that the UOT Historic Commission along with help from Chester County Agricultural Development Counsel and Londonderry Historical Committee put on the tour. Old and new equipment was on hand to view along with a milking demonstration, a black smith (farrier) demonstration and other stations telling of farming then and now. Denise Rugen also thanked the Board of Supervisors for their help during the evening. The Board will send a thank you letter to Phillip Edwards. Denise Rugen gave an update on the ordering of the historic plaques and that the Commission is still working on the criteria for the plaques.

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 \$45,498.59 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEER – Scott Rugen was contacted by Georgeanna Singley whose Youth Group is looking for projects. The group consists of teenagers from 12 to 16 years. The Supervisors will check with the Road Master to see if he has any work for the Group and Bill Hovis, Park Committee, will see if there is anything at the park that they could do.

RAIN GARDEN – Bill Hovis informed the Board that the Rain Garden is still not working as planned. Brandywine Conservancy brought in a person who was knowledgeable about vegetation and invasive species. The Committee is waiting to hear back from them. Mr. Hovis stated that the rain garden also presents a mosquito problem at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Cell Tower – The Supervisors are waiting to hear from the Solicitor regarding the ordinance.

Riparian Buffer, Timber Harvest , High Tunnels – will be discussed at the 8/27//18 work session.

FARM BUREAU - Howard Reyburn informed the Board that a farm bureau meeting will be held at the township building August 23, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary

