

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 22, 2022**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held an advertised work session at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary
 Ron Ragan, Township Engineer
 Colin Kraucunas, Planning Commission Member
 Elizabeth Randolph, Planning Commission Member

The work session was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Scott Rugen. The purpose of the work session was to review the Chester County Act 167 Model Ordinance Updates and Summary of Changes. Ron informed the Board that the County wants to lower the threshold which requires if a simplified method is used for calculating storm water or the engineering method. Ron voiced his concern over lowering the thresholds and would like us to keep all of the thresholds as we have presently. Ron had no problem with the definitions and will incorporate the appendixes to the new ordinance. Other sections of the draft model were discussed as follows:

2. Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development – this is a new section and should be included
4. Exemptions – should stay with the old methods
7. Modified Requirements for Small Projects – keep Simplified Methods
10. Conservation Design – this will show how much impervious coverage an applicant has
13. Floodway – definition from Flood Plan is included in our Storm Water ordinance
16. Impervious Surface – this definition was added (Ron will look into Infinity Pools)
19. Low Impact Development – this is a new definition to be added
23. Pet – this is objectionable
24. Stormwater Discharges onto Adjacent Properties – Ron will check into this further
36. Riparian Buffers – should be included
37. SWM Site Plan Content – signature block for the municipality to acknowledge that the SWM plan meets all design standards
43. Operation and Maintenance – Ron suggested changing this for projects over one acre
44. Operation and Maintenance – if NPDES permit is required does O & M need to be done?

Other discussion was held regarding some notes that Charlie presented:

Must reference existing documents and criteria

High tunnels were discussed and the effects of storm water run-off. Ron will check on “floating concrete slabs” and discuss high tunnels with our Solicitor. Charlie will draft a high tunnel sample document.

Section 102.8 – add language to read “Inadequate planning and management of stormwater runoff resulting from land disturbance and development throughout a watershed has in the past and can in the future harm surface water resources

102.H – Water of the Commonwealth and the US”

103.Q – change certain NPDES stormwater permit requirements to “relevant NPDES”

102.R – should be 102.S

105.B – add language to include activities necessary to help the municipality meet its mandated obligations

105.C.1 – shall be subject to this regulation by this Ordinance if the sum of the Regulated Impervious Surface”

Section 106.C.5.5c – would this be referred to in the High Tunnel

106.C.6 – “consistent with a sound forest management plan” – look at our Riparian Buffer ordinance for this

106.C.7 – “listed above” – should that be in this paragraph?

106.E – require retroactively implementing exempted requirements if the Agricultural use is converted to non-exempt use.

201.D – The words “shall” and “must” mean that it is mandatory – “may” and “should” mean that it is not mandatory

Retention Basin – always contain water?

Section 312 – should this refer to the UOT Riparian Buffer Ordinance.

Ron will incorporate the notes and suggestions in a new draft.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the work session adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary