

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 27, 2018**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held an advertised work session at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Scott Rugen.

OXFORD AREA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – Supervisor Rugen gave an update on the activities of the Oxford Area Regional Planning regarding storm water efforts. Brandywine Conservancy has suggested placing articles in newsletter, public education and outreach programs to make aware the public on Storm Water. DEP has moved the bar higher and have changed the rules and regulations of storm water making them stricter. On September 14th a Storm Water symposium will be held.

ACT 537 – COMPONENT 2M – Ron Ragan gave an update on the status of complying with the requirements set by the state on the above. Ron went back in his files and found a partial completed form. The two ordinance have not been adopted yet. A Holding Tank Ordinance will need to be submitted to DEP. Our ordinance only covers “on-lot” systems. Discussion was held regarding purchasing a small package place to service approximately 40 houses. This would not be cost effective for most companies to come in and manage this. Pump and haul is not profitable and DEP would not recognize this as a permanent solution. “Septic Tank Effluent Pump System” is not a good idea either. Ron suggested looking for grant money to help pay for a system. Howard mentioned that there are problems with digester plants. The Board suggested that the Planning Commission look at the draft ordinances, which are Sewage Disposal Facilities Ordinance and Holding Tank Ordinance and the Board will start researching grant money.

MATTHEW DEUTEL STORM WATER – This has been an ongoing problem for years. The driveway that Mr. Deutel put in was not done correctly but could be remedied by putting a speed hump at the top and a swale at the bottom. Ron will send a check list to the Supervisors who will in turn send a letter to Mr. Deutel suggesting the changes which need to be done.

ROBERT HEAVLOW – 4 Grist Mill – Mr. Heavlow has planted trees in the easement and has put up a berm which will cause the area to not work correctly diverting the water runoff. Scott will get with the road master to draft a letter to Mr. Heavlow.

RIPARIAN BUFFER – The billing from Brandywine Conservancy was discussed. The Township is at the limit of money at this time. The ordinance was reviewed by those present and some typing errors were found. Page 3 – Uses Permitted and Page 6. An item of concern is the recent “Acreage” bill. We will check with the Solicitor regarding this. Supervisor Rugen suggested that the Planning Commission make a decision on the amended ordinance at their next meeting. It will then be able to be forwarded to the Solicitor.

TIMBER ORDINANCE – Elizabeth Randolph gave her comments regarding this ordinance to John Theilacker of Brandywine Conservancy. John will be invited to the next Planning Commission meeting. We will also ask John what the completion will cost.

LETTER OF SUPPORT OF CHESAPEAKE BAY – will be sent by the Township.

Supervisor Rugen gave a printout of a “Top Priorities” that was given by Oxford Region Planning Commission and would like our Planning Commission discuss this at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary