

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 28, 2019**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held an advertised work session at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

Jane Daggett, Secretary

Blair Fleischmann, Denise Rugen and Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission Members

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Scott Rugen.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Three members were present to question the Board of Supervisors on what should be put in our newsletters that are printed and distributed twice a year. Commission members questioned if it should just be matters of running the township and historical items or would human interest stories be permissible. After much discussion it was decided to not include human interest stories in the chance of missing someone who received some award or achievement during their lifetime. There was also much discussion on the mailing list and keeping residents that are renters and not property owners informed of the township news. One other item brought to the attention of the Supervisors was that the Historic Commission has finally completed a Historic Atlas which will be presented by Karen Marshall at the next Historic Commission meeting. After the atlas is received the Board of Supervisors would be able to adopt the Atlas by Resolution. The Upper Oxford Township Historic Commission was formed by Ordinance #2001 -2.

SIGNS – The Oxford Lions Club would like to put a sign up at Route 896 and Route 10 advertising their annual fund raiser. They will be instructed the follow the Sign Ordinance and seek permission from the property owner.

RIPARIAN BUFFER DRAFT ORDINANCE – The draft Ordinance was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. One suggested was made on Page 11, Paragraph B to read as follows:

“Landowners who are enrolled in Pennsylvania’s Conservation Reserve Enhancement program (CREP) or any public or private third party stream restoration entity may be permitted to utilize their stream-side buffer restoration to satisfy the Riparian Forest Buffer restoration requirements of this section for as long as they are enrolled in, and fully in compliance with, that voluntary program, as determined by the Township.”

FORESTRY ORDINANCE – Scott reported that the Attorney General’s Office met with Brandywine Conservancy and informed the Conservancy that their Forestry Ordinance was unacceptable and would not sustain an “Acre” challenge. They suggested that municipalities use the Penn State Model Ordinance. Scott mentioned that “timber harvest” and “timber protection” are two different items. Brandywine Conservancy will consult with legal team regarding this. John Theilacker will work up a cost for townships to do woodland mapping and woodland classification. Townships can then make a decision to apply for the Vision Partnership money in the first round of funding.

HIGH TUNNEL – We previously forwarded a letter regarding this. Charlie will research this.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary

