

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068  
MARCH 17, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisors; George DeVault, Daniel Mohr, Robert Sentner; Township Manager, Daniel DeLong; Asst. Township Manager, Timothy Haas; Solicitor, Marc Fisher

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 P.M.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This meeting is being recorded principally to aid in the preparation of Minutes and for such other purposes as the Board sees fit. For that reason, will each person wanting to give any comments during this meeting, please state your name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1.) Fields at Indian Creek Major Subdivision Update (Discussion).

Manager DeLong summarized the current status of the development's progression. There is positive forward progress. However, there are three (3) major outstanding items: The bridges and the path, working out the final details of the emergency access driveway to Chestnut Street, and working out the details of the proposed signaled intersection at Allen Street and Chestnut Street and how it relates to the Norfolk Southern bridge project.

Supervisor DeVault asked when the Township can expect any indication from PennDOT on the Norfolk Southern bridge project.

Manager DeLong last heard from the consultants that PennDOT is awaiting updated costs on the bridge design. PennDOT should have an answer and a decision by June, 2016. The start of construction of the bridge has been pushed back to 2019.

Supervisor Sentner referenced the term *pathway bridges* "shall" be ADA accessible and asked if "shall" means "must" or "has to be" (as referenced within the Township engineer's review letter). He also asked what the next step is for moving forward with the developer.

Manager DeLong believes that "shall" means "has to be." There are questions as to how the bridges are going to be improved. The applicant has requested to

discuss the outstanding items at the next Board meeting (4/7/16) and the applicant's engineer has requested a meeting to review the outstanding items with the Township's engineer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) House Bill 1103. Stormwater Management Act, Exempting High Tunnels (Discussion).

Supervisor Sentner summarized House Bill 1103 for the rest of the Board. It's a bill that would exempt high tunnels from stringent stormwater permitting requirements. He wants to authorize staff to write a letter of support of the proposed bill to the local State Representatives.

Supervisor DeVault expressed his agreement with Supervisor Sentner. It is his opinion that the proposed bill is one of the most common sense things he's heard out of Harrisburg in years. He briefly summarized the benefits of high tunnels and mentioned that if local zoning is too hard on farmers that we can say goodbye to local farming and land preservation.

The Board was in agreement to have staff write a letter supporting House Bill 1103.

Manager DeLong also summarized the State's consideration of closing Pennsylvania State University's Agricultural extension as well as the 4H program. Local officials are urged to write letters of support of keeping the Ag extension and 4H programs going.

The Board was in agreement to have staff write a letter supporting the Agricultural extension and 4H programs.

- 2.) House Bill 1683. Providing incentives for volunteers of fire companies and emergency medical services agencies (Discussion).

- a. Memo from Asst. Manager, Timothy Haas, dated March 15, 2016.

Supervisor Sentner summarized House Bill 1683. He believes the State needs to do more to incentivize volunteer fire fighter recruitment and retention. There are missing items within the bill that are being discussed, but the general idea of the bill is good.

Resident, James Krippe asked if the Board actually read the proposed bill because there are some stiff penalties listed within the bill, and he asked who would be in charge of enforcing those penalties.

Supervisor Sentner answered that he read the bill, and he understands Mr. Krippe's concerns, which is why he wants the Board to wait for further information as it becomes available.

The Board is in support of the general idea of the bill, but they would like to see further details of the bill when made available. They authorized staff to write a letter supporting the general idea of the bill.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board held an executive session from 7:16 to 7:32 PM to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:32 P.M.

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George D. DeVault, Chairman

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Timothy A. Haas, Asst. Twp. Manager/Secretary