



Upper Uwchlan Township  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
JOINT BOARDS & COMMISSIONS WORKSHOP**

June 9, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Kevin Kerr, Chair

Guy Donatelli, Vice-Chair

Cathy Tomlinson, Supervisor

Cary Vargo, Township Manager

Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary

Jill Bukata, Treasurer

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator

Dave Leh, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

Matt Brown, P.E., DEE, ARRO Consulting

Mary Lou Farrow, Chair, Historic Commission

Jamie Goncharoff, Chair, Emerg. Mgmt. Plan. Comm.

Sally Winterton, Vice-Chair, Planning Commission

Bob Schoenberger, Chair, Planning Commission

Kevin Kerr called the Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

Storm Water Management Authority - Presentation

Russ Benner of T&M and John Damico of Environmental Rate Consultants (ERC) presented results of the first phase of a feasibility study conducted to determine whether Upper Uwchlan should form a Storm Water Authority (SWA). It would be responsible for managing a storm water authority program: the education of Township personnel, residents, businesses and developers in storm water run-off and protecting the quality of the watershed; maintenance, repair, or replacement of existing infrastructure in the Township; planning for future needs; managing funds dedicated to storm water management. A Technical Advisory Committee has been working with the consultants since this spring. While Storm Water Authorities are not yet mandated, such an Authority could either be part of our current Municipal Authority, whose focus has been public sanitary sewer operations, or it could be separate. There are two more phases to complete in the feasibility study: program development and billing system development. The Consultants will continue to gather information for the Board's consideration.

Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC)

Jamie Goncharoff advised that the EMPC recently conducted a "tabletop exercise", a simulation of an emergency; the EMPC will tour the County's new training center June 23; a \$5,000 grant application was submitted to purchase and install a wireless telephone for the Township Building Conference Room; there is currently a vacancy on the EMPC (Tom Baynard resigned); the County's new Alert system, "Ready ChesCo", is a great tool for residents to receive emergency notifications.

Park & Recreation Board (P&R)

Cary Vargo advised that through a partnership between the Township, Marsh Creek Eagles, and the Believe & Achieve Foundation, a field house will be constructed at Fellowship Fields. Mike Rufo and Wayne DiMarco presented the drawings of the 2-story field house which will house a concession stand, restrooms, a community room and a weigh-in room on the first floor and a press box and storage area on the second floor. The structure has been designed to be fairly maintenance-free with minimal heat for the restrooms, no heat or air conditioning for the press box or community room. In front of the field house will be a plaza style gathering area, a cheering area, and bleachers. Construction may begin late summer.

### Historic Commission (HC)

Mary Lou Farrow advised that the Village Concept Committee (VCC) will meet June 22 to continue their review and discussion of sketches prepared by Ray Ott for a park/trailhead on Township property at the southeast corner of Pottstown Pike and Station Boulevard. The favored design features a stage/amphitheater with terraced lawn seating, and relocation of the War Memorial monument currently in front of the Township building.

Mary Lou advised that a resident is donating his mother's Windsor School graduation certificate to the Historic Commission; Mary Lou presented Mary Lou Shoemaker History Awards to two students graduating from Pickering Valley Elementary School's fifth grade.

Cary Vargo advised that the trails at Upland Farm will be paved later this year once Columbia Gas has completed their pipeline expansion activities and has restored the site; Darrell Drive may be constructed in 2016 if the NPDES permit is extended.

### Municipal Authority

Matt Brown reported that the Route 100 wastewater treatment plant Phase II construction continues and it is hoped to be on-line August 1; the construction of the Little Conestoga Road Pump Station and force main will begin on schedule; the construction of the laterals into the neighborhoods has been delayed until Spring 2016 due to PaDEP.

### Planning Commission (PC)

Bob Schoenberger reported that submittals for a few projects are forthcoming; Cary Vargo advised that Toll Brothers has to submit a Sewage Planning Module for the Frame Property project; Guy Donatelli asked about the Commission's tour of McKee Group's active adult communities. Several Commission members had visited several communities to assist with the discussion of McKee Group's concept for the Fetters property. There was a variety of homes – carriage, villas, singles – and amenities; the density (units/acre) varied from 3.0 – 4.4. Cary advised the Township and McKee Group have been talking about sewer upgrades for bonus density.

### Technology Advisory Board (TAB)

Cary Vargo reported the TAB has begun updating an I.T. Request For Proposal.

### Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB)

There was nothing current to report.

### Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo highlighted the following projects: Columbia Gas and Sunoco Pipelines have active projects in the Township. Columbia Gas has had several bentonite releases during their drilling processes – reportedly not harmful; Sunoco is requesting additional 50' right-of-way through Hickory Park Field 4 for their Mariner 2 and 3 projects; the 7<sup>th</sup> annual block party is June 20 at 6:00 PM. The fireworks have been relocated this year, to the front of Pickering Valley Elementary School; the Turnpike bridge over Route 100 will be included in the Downingtown interchange improvement plan, not during the widening project in the Township. A public officials update is tentatively scheduled for September; bids were opened today for the installation of a traffic light at Route 401 and Fellowship Road. The lowest bid was @ \$167,000; a conditional use hearing is scheduled for June 15 to hear further testimony for American Tower's cell phone tower on the Shryock property on Dorlan Mill Road; the majority of road base repairs are complete.

Open Session

Jamie Goncharoff commented on a recent article naming Upper Uwchlan Township as 15<sup>th</sup> of 3,238 of the best suburbs to buy a home in America, and the highest ranked suburb in Chester County.

Sally Winterton commented on the effectiveness of traffic roundabouts and believes one would work great at the northern terminus of Route 100 and Graphite Mine Road.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Kevin Kerr adjourned the Workshop at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik,  
Township Secretary