



Upper Uwchlan Township
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 14, 2012

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Kevin Kerr, Chair

Guy Donatelli, Vice-Chair

Cathy Tomlinson, Supervisor

Cary Vargo, Township Manager

Bob Schoenberger, Chair - Planning Commission

Mary Lou Farrow, Chair - Upland Farm Advisory Committee

Matt Brown, ARRO Consulting

Mr. Kerr called the workshop to order at 4:04 p.m.

Upland Farm Barn – Adaptive ReUse Project

Dan Russoniello, Principal, and Chad Peterson, Senior Architect, of Archer & Buchanan were in attendance to present their Firm's concept for adaptive re-use of the Barn at Upland Farm.

Mary Lou Farrow, Upland Farm Advisory Committee Chairwoman (UPFAC) provided a brief summary of the activities leading to today's presentation. Mary Lou thanked Township Staff, Bob Wise - Township Historic Consultant, and Bob Schoenberger – Planning Commission Chairman, for their efforts on this project, from drafting the Request For Qualifications through interviewing the top 9 Architectural Firms of the 30+ who responded. The top 9 became the top 3, a second interview was held with each Firm, and UPFAC selected Archer & Buchanan.

UPFAC's vision for the historic Barn includes 3-season use of the structure as a public gathering place (meetings, educational opportunities, perhaps private rentals), with kitchen amenities and public restrooms, and maintenance/storage area for Park service vehicles/equipment. The utilities infrastructure will be planned for potential year-round use in the future.

The Board of Supervisors may award the contract for the Project at their February 21 meeting.

Alternative Energy System – Ordinance Draft

Bob Schoenberger presented an Alternative Energy System Ordinance draft, dated February 1, 2012 culled over the past several years by the Planning Commission. The Board was favorable to the draft but requested the Planning Commission loosen the restrictions on wind systems in the residential zoning districts. When asked why systems were prohibited in open space, including Homeowners Association open space, and treated wastewater disposal areas, Bob explained it is important for the residents to have usable open space for recreational activities, and the disposal fields are prohibited due to soil compaction and crop growth concerns.

Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo summarized his monthly report, a highlight being that the Park Road pedestrian bridge may be placed over the Turnpike by the end of the month (weather dependent).

Open Session

No comments were offered.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Kevin Kerr adjourned the Workshop at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary