



Upper Uwchlan Township  
**Board of Supervisors Workshop**

August 12, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Cathy Tomlinson, Chair  
Kevin Kerr, Vice-Chair  
Guy Donatelli, Member

Cary Vargo, Township Manager  
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary  
John DeMarco, Police Chief

Invited Guest: Meredith Mayer, Brandywine Conservancy

Cathy Tomlinson called the Workshop to order at 4:05 p.m.

Brandywine Creek Greenway Draft Strategic Action Plan

Meredith Mayer presented the draft Brandywine Creek Greenway Strategic Action Plan (SAP) dated April 2014. The Conservancy is meeting with each of the 24 Municipalities along the Brandywine Creek who are involved in the Greenway project to: 1) review the overall SAP, 2) review each Municipality's unique projects, which were identified through meetings with Boards or Commissions of each Municipality, 3) provide an "Implementation Tool Kit", and 4) seek comments regarding any part of the Project. Comments are due to the Conservancy by September 30 and will be included in the Final Strategic Action Plan.

The customized Projects, while focused on particular geographical areas or specific activities, also encourage connectivity between the Townships. Upper Uwchlan Township's customized Projects follow, some of which are currently underway and some will require partnership with property owners, neighboring Townships and other governmental agencies:

- Project 1: Village of Eagle Trailhead: provide a destination trailhead at the Village of Eagle, at the Upland Farm Park;
- Project 2: Park Road Multi-Use Trail: extend the Park Road Trail from Hickory Park to Marsh Creek State Park;
- Project 3: Little Conestoga Road Trail: provide a hiking trail connection from the Village of Eagle and the Eagle Trailhead to the Brandywine Trail along a route that parallels Little Conestoga Road; (Cary Vargo advised the Turnpike is allowing for a 10' wide shoulder on Little Conestoga Road under the Turnpike overpass.)
- Project 4: Dorlan Mill Road - Creek Access: enhance access to the Brandywine Creek for anglers, wading and informal canoe launch;
- Project 5: Blackhorse Creek Minor Corridor: conserve natural areas and enhance water quality along the Blackhorse Creek;
- Project 6: Marsh Creek Green Corridor: conserve natural areas and enhance water quality along the Marsh Creek corridor;
- Project 7: Eagle Village Enhancements: promote a safe and attractive pedestrian environment in the Village of Eagle;
- Project 8: Lyndell Road Pull-Off: provide access to the Brandywine Creek at Lyndell Road for anglers and boaters. This would connect to Marsh Creek State Park.

Other Agencies are working on projects in/around Upper Uwchlan that would enhance our projects, such as the DCNR is proposing a hiking trail around the perimeter of Marsh Creek Lake, Brandywine Conservancy is involved in protecting the northern Brandywine Trail, and the County is conducting a feasibility study for an extension of the Struble Trail, north to Ludwig's Corner and eventually to the Horseshoe Trail.

The Brandywine Creek Greenway Strategic Action Plan will be posted on the Township website for the public to view. Comments should be sent to the Township Secretary. The Conservancy plans to launch the draft of the Final Strategic Action Plan by late October, followed by formal publication by year's end.

#### Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo highlighted the following projects/activities: the Township is applying for grants to fund a feasibility study for forming a Storm Water Management Authority; storm water management projects underway or recently completed include a pipe and swale repair from Marsh Harbour to Park Road, and a basin repair at 10 Cambridge Road; American Towers is proposing a cell tower on Dorlan Mill Road, which requires conditional use approval by the Board of Supervisors. The Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2014; repair of the Dorlan Mill Road bridge is coming along nicely and is on schedule for completion mid-September; the Cutler Group is proceeding with dedication punch list activity at Waynebrook; the Township has received a Bond rating of "Aa2" in preparation for borrowing funds, through General Obligation Bonds, to extend public sewer service to Windsor Place, Eagle Manor and Heather Hill. Construction of Phase 2 of the Route 100 wastewater treatment facility will provide the necessary treatment and disposal capacity to extend service to those communities. Once construction of Phase 2 is underway, the residents of those communities will be notified of the construction timeline as well as the costs associated with connecting to the public sewer system. The Township has been awarded \$560,000 through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) "Transportation Alternatives Program" for construction of trails along Route 100 (from Upland Farm to Park Road), Park Road, and Little Conestoga Road (from Darrell Drive to Park Road); the Upland Farm trails project is being reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers; the Board will be asked to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Township Manager to execute documents allowing Columbia Gas access to Township road right-of-way and Township-owned property for their Eastside Expansion project; the Board is reviewing and considering adopting an Ordinance prohibiting the burning of trash, recyclable materials and compostable materials.

#### Open Session

Kevin Kerr asked if there is space at any of the Township's properties for a vegetable garden that would benefit the Chester County Food Bank. There may be space at the Milford Road property, however measures would be necessary to keep the wildlife out.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Cathy Tomlinson adjourned the Workshop at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik  
Township Secretary