

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 11, 2010**

The Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Betsy E. Huber
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary
 Ricky Railing, Road master
 Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission
 Ron Ragan, Township Engineer

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| OTHERS: | Anne Rawle | Bill Rawle |
| | Barbara Hill | Steve Hill |
| | John Gilbert | Grace Gilbert |
| | Lisa Graybeal, Chester County Press | Joe Sexton |
| | Alice Fling | Judy Parry |
| | Ryan Tyler | Bob Fling |
| | Rich Kline | Mary Jane Kline |
| | Gary Calibey | Denise Rugen |
| | Sam Reyburn | Howard Reyburn |
| | Harold Bryson | Ken Martin |
| | Ray Martin | Len Martin |
| | Sidney New, Gannett Fleming/Penn Dot | Bill Hovis |
| | David Marchese, Wilbur Smith Associates | Yang Iau, Wilbur Smith Associates |
| | John Bradley | Meredith Martin |
| | Sandy Martin, McCormick Taylor, Inc. | |

After the Salute to the Flag, Scott Rugen led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no comments from the public at this time.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the September 13, 2010 Minutes.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

WATERMARK BRIDGE – Yang Iau of Wilbur Smith Associates gave a presentation on the County and Penn Dot plans to repair the bridge on Watermark Road over the Muddy Run. The current bridge function is obsolete since it is a one lane bridge and the roadway is two lanes, and the structure of the bridge is critical with a weight limit. Sandy Martin of McCormick & Taylor reported that a traffic study was done in 2008 with 134 vehicles crossing the bridge per day. Sandy informed the audience that the County owns and maintains 95 bridges and looks at their inventory for the bridges with the worst conditions. Watermark Road bridge fits in this category. Grace Gilbert questioned Ms. Martin on why the bridge was closed in 2002. Sandy informed her that some repairs were made at that time and the bridge was painted. The County wants to make the bridge so all vehicles can use it and take away the weight restrictions. The time frame for closure would probably be approximately eight to ten months. Ann Rawle questioned Ms. Martin about the decibel levels when contractors would be working on the bridge and also stated that they have had animals injured and gates left opened and fencing taken down since the surveyors have been at the bridge. Ms. Martin stressed that the County had two options; either close the bridge or fix it and would try to keep the bridge as aesthetic as possible. Mr. Iau recommended that the audience take a survey paper along with them and send their comments and concerns back to him by the end of October.

SHERROCKEE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to accept and grant an extension for the Sherrockee Land Development Plan on Pusey Mill Road until May 15, 2011.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ZONING HEARING – AT & T/CINGULAR – The extension end November 11, 2011. The attorneys for both parties are scheduling a new hearing date.

COUNTY CONVENTION – Will be held November 4, 2010 at the Mendenhall Inn. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to appoint Betsy Huber as the Voting Delegate.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

PROPOSAL FOR STORMWATER NPDES – A proposal was received from Ragan Engineering for the requirements of the NPDES permits. Scott and Charlie thought we should get some other proposals for the scope of work. Scott will write a task bullet to send out to other firms.

ACT 537 – Phase I and Phase II were not accepted by DEP. Ron Ragan informed the Supervisors that the actual plan of study that Castle Valley proposed could not be found. Ron was instructed to contact Castle Valley and also schedule a meeting with DEP regarding this matter.

ROADS – Ricky Railing read his report for the month. Ricky questioned the Board if he could advertise to hire four or five additional workers for snow plowing. Ricky stated that he only wanted CDL drivers because using the small trucks was not efficient. The Supervisor instructed Ricky to call the people on his list from last year which are as follows: Jerry Roland, Gerald Rohrer and Darrell Cook. Also, Galen King would like to be included on the snow plowing list. Robert Fling asked Ricky if he could open the ditch in front of their house on Ray Mar Road. Ricky will contact him later this week.

ZONING – Bill Beers submitted his report for the month.

HISTORIC – Frances questioned when the budget items were due. The budget work session is scheduled for October 26, 2010.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$22,350.00 from the State Fund; \$264.77 from the Open Space Fund and \$46,752.41 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – has notified the township regarding historic preservation regulations on a property located at 192 Old Limestone Road. Frances Reyburn will respond to this letter for the township.

JAMES LEES/JOHN GOOD – Attended our August meeting and requested that we change our ordinance to allow more than one use on a property. The Supervisors agreed to keep the ordinance as it is.

KINGS MILL II – Notified the township that they will be marketing the property next year even though they do not have final approval. All potential buyers will be made aware of this.

CHARLES CARROLL of 100 Forest Manor Road, Lincoln University is requesting that the township replace 27 trees on his property to replace the trees and saplings that were cut down by the road crew which were out of the township’s right of way. Charlie will visit with Mr. Carroll to discuss this request.

S.A.V.E. – Planner, John Gaadt representing S.A.V.E. reviewed our ordinances to see how they would relate to the pipe line which Sparrows Point is proposing thru the township. Mr. Gaadt would like to review his recommendations with the Supervisors and Planning Commission members. We will invite Mr. Gaadt to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held November 1, 2010.

S.P.C.A. – We will be receiving information regarding next year's contract by November. After January 1, 2011, the S.P.C.A. will no longer accept any stray dogs or cats from municipalities that do not have contracts.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #26 – is looking for a project next year. Ricky will make a list and contact Greg Mazepink at 302-293-8459.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT – Will be held the same night as Oxford Borough which is Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

SCENIC RESOURCE MAP – Was printed out and given to the Planning Commission members. Any comments should be given to Betsy or Karl to take to the next Regional Planning Meeting on October 27, 2010.

ELECTRIC – PECO will take the cap off their rates beginning in the new year and are encouraging customers to shop around for electric. Charlie suggested that maybe it would be worth pursuing to see if we could have a joint plan with the surrounding municipalities. Betsy will bring this up at the next Regional Planning Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary