

APPROVED

March 19, 2008
Salford, Pennsylvania

A joint meeting of the Upper Salford Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission was brought to order by Chairman Poatsy at 7:30 p.m. Messrs. Hagey, O'Donnell, Giannini, Raisner, Sacks, and Nase were present. Stephen Imms, Township Solicitor and Jeff Kerlin and Michael Reinert, Township Engineers, also attended. Mr. McMaster was absent.

The second draft of the 537 plan was reviewed. Some issues and suggestions discussed included:

- The general consensus of the Planning Commission and Board was to continue researching community based sewage disposal options for the 3 village areas of Woxall, Salford, and Salfordville. Minor changes to the proposed sewer districts were requested to omit some larger sized parcels in the vicinity of the recommended districts. It was also consensus that the Rural Balance would be managed by an adopted onlot management program requiring pumping of septic tanks every three years and possible inspection/water testing.
- The option of aggressive onlot management as a tiered approach for the three village areas was also discussed. This option is the only way to clearly identify the extent of malfunctioning systems within the three village areas and provide a gauge to the level of community sewage needs for those areas. There were concerns raised regarding how to address the results of the management program upon completion, whether individual systems would or could be repaired or replaced on each property with an onlot long term solution and how the remaining residents with no option would be addressed. The cost to each resident for performing the management study and identifying possible solutions versus requiring a future community connection was also discussed. The Township Engineer was asked to provide a cost estimate for each homeowner if this option were implemented.
- Educate the residents about the importance of proper septic maintenance since many residents are not aware that their system needs to be pumped every couple of years. Further educate the residents about their onlot water supply and provide information about testing their well sources for contaminants. The Township Engineer was asked to prepare a packet that could be reviewed by the Planning Commission at the next meeting for consideration and provide web links to the Township to include on their website.

- Send out a newsletter to the residents to make them aware of the situation with the 537 Plan and to get their input.
- Percentage of failures should be left out of the report.
- The Township Engineer was encouraged to look into decentralized treatment facilities with land based disposal areas near the villages to maintain ground water recharge. Consideration should also be given to leasing ground for land application.

Comments from the public included:

- Roger Richter felt a community based system would be best for Upper Salford Township because of the soil constraints in the area.
- Cindy Gerhard thought notifying people how to maintain their septic system was a good idea but was concerned many would not follow the advice.
- Barbara Gormley felt if people were made aware of the results and the costs involved to repair or replace their systems if not properly maintained, they would be more likely to heed the advice for proper maintenance.
- Ernie Rosato felt it was important that residents be encouraged to attend the meetings so they are aware of what is going on and involved in the decisions made.

On a motion made by Mr. Nase and seconded by Mr. Sacks the minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the January 16, 2008 Board of Supervisors action was unanimously approved as written.

Matt Schelly from the Montgomery County Planning Commission discussed possible sites to visit on May 3, 2008 during their field trip. It was decided the sites would be discussed further and decided upon during the April 2nd Planning Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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