

April 6, 2010
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. O'Donnell, VanLuvanee, Giannini, Raisner, and Sacks were present, as was the County Planner, Matt Schelly and the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms Jr. Messrs. McMaster and Nase were absent.

The proposed Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan was discussed. Based on a meeting he had with Senator Bob Mensch and Joseph A. Feola, the Regional Director for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Mr. Poatsy recommended the Township undergo reconstitution of the Act 537 Plan by securing actual data through the adoption of an Ordinance that would require everyone in the township to pump and identify actual failures. Mr. Poatsy announced that anyone interested in participating in a citizen group to help promote the idea should contact the Township. The official 30 day comment period will not begin until after the suggested revisions are accepted by the Joint Board and incorporated into the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan.

Public comment included:

- Bob Lane applauded the idea but questioned how the previously proposed public sewer system fell in with the suggested pumping plan.
- Mary Utermohlen questioned what Franconia Township had done in adoption of their 537 plan.
- Fred Klee questioned if the whole township would be included in the evaluation or just the residents in the sewer district. He further requested to be able to print the 537 material from the web site.
- Linda Faust mentioned her discontent with her inability to obtain copies of certain 537 maps from the Township.
- Amy Shelby questions DEP's offer to fund 85% of the costs of the 537 Plan. She further had questions related to the citizens group.
- Tom Brown questioned the resolution for residents that don't have an on-lot solution.
- Bob Lane suggested well testing be part of the appraisal process.
- Mr. Utermohlen suggested florescent lights to treat bacteria in water and commented on the inability of some properties to utilize a holding tank.
- Ken Deitterich had questions relating to the evaluation period and DEP deadline.
- Sharon Halteman thanked the Board for the additional testing being considered.
- Cindy Gerhard felt the additional testing was a good idea.
- Tom Brown had questions relating to the citizens group.
- Ken Deitterich suggested running water pipes along with sewer pipes and questioned if there would be an expansion to the sewer district

- Unidentified resident (Fred Klee?) commented that the Township should not completely dismiss the idea of a public sewer system.
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Mr. Schelly presented the last chapter of the Greenway Guidebook. The Joint Board was asked to review and submit any suggestions for changes to the Township Secretary to be passed on to Mr. Schelly.

The Township Trail Map was reviewed. Mr. Shelly questioned whether the map needed to be officially adopted. A general concern among the board members was whether the current Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances compelled compliance with the community connection trail plan proposed in the Open Space Plan and Greenway Guidebook. Mr. Schelly was asked to review the Township Trail Map, the Open Space Plan and the Greenway Guidebook and notify the Board of any inconsistencies at a future Joint meeting.

Mr. Poatsy suggested that the Township reconsider requirements for conservation subdivisions.

Mr. Schelly announced that the County was prepared to make a presentation on alternate energy at the May Joint meeting. He was asked to notify the Township the length of the presentation so that a date could be set.

Public comments included:

- Paul Schneider questioned whether consideration could be given for access to trails by emergency services.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Giannini, the minutes from the March 2, 2010 Joint meeting were approved as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary