

May 5, 2009
Salford, Pennsylvania

A joint meeting of the Upper Salford Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission was brought to order by Chairman O'Donnell at 7:30 p.m. Messrs. Poatsy, Hagey, Giannini, Raisner, Sacks, McMaster and Nase were present, as was the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms Jr., and County Planner, Matt Schelly.

Scheduling a date for the next meeting to review the **537 plan** was discussed. It was decided that the meeting should be held after the responses from the outside agencies reviewing the draft are received. No date was set at this time but would be considered again at the June joint meeting after conferring with the Township Engineers. The Township Solicitor was requested to provide a copy of a draft ordinance to implement the 537 plan by June 24th.

Public questions and comments included:

- An unidentified person questioned the date the reviews by the outside agencies were due and if those responses should be considered before preparing the ordinance.
 - Roger Richter asked if the draft sent to the outside agencies could still be changed and, after confirmation that changes could be made, whether those outside agencies would need to review any changes.
 - Tom Brown asked if the supervisors have given the Township Solicitor sufficient guidance to prepare the ordinance. He also questioned if the sewage service districts could still be amended and if most of the existing problems could be handled by the individual home owners. He later asked how long the maps showing the proposed sewer district had been available for review.
 - Barbara Gormley suggested that the web site reflect that the draft 537 plan was available at the township office for review.
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Goals for future projects of the joint board were discussed. **Several items had been submitted for consideration by Mr. Schelly and Mr. Giannini. It was agreed that the first items to be addressed would be the comprehensive trail plan/map for the township, an Outdoor Furnace Ordinance and Dark Skies Ordinance. Other suggestions submitted were to complete the Greenway Guidebook, an Energy Ordinance to include sources of alternative energy such as wind, solar and geothermal, riparian restoration (inventory and action), field trips to Flourtown's water/sewer authorities and exemplary developments in the county/region, TDR investigations, a "Green" Ordinance audit to find where the current ordinances could be made more "green", village visioning, and revisions to the SALDO. Mr. Sacks suggested historic preservation, Mr. Nase suggested that architectural features be added to the SALDO and Mr. Poatsy suggested traffic calming.**

Mr. Schelly offered to supply a copy of the steep slopes map in a PDF file to the township. He also indicated that he would be bringing the comprehensive trail map that the county had been working on to the June Joint meeting and would look into County grant funding options to construct some of the proposed trails. He was also asked to provide an updated status on the Regional Planning Commissions efforts on the Dark Sky Lighting Ordinance.

Public comment included:

- Barbara Gormley felt historic preservation was a good idea.
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The minutes from the April 1, 2009 Joint meeting were unanimously accepted as amended.

Public Comment included:

- Gary Larson commented on the joint meeting minutes reflecting that action was taken by the Board of Supervisors but approved separately.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary