

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2015, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Waks, Erika Spott, Bill Jenaway and Carole Kenney. Also present were: David Kraynik, Township Manager; Sally Slook, Assistant Township Manager; John F. Walko, Deputy Township Solicitor; Scott Greenly, Associate Township Planner; Tom Beach, Township Engineer. Supervisor Philips was absent.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Waks, all voting "Aye" to approve the August 20, 2015 Business Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF SHADE TREE & BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Mrs. Spott recognized the hard work of the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission, staff liaison, Bill Schutter, and UMGA-TV crew in preparing this awards presentation.

A video of the award winning properties followed and afterward beautification awards were presented to the residents in recognition of their beautification efforts.

Ann Marchino, Chairperson, Shade Tree & Beautification Commission, introduced Mike Sullivan and Bill Schutter, staff liaison, who have been instrumental with the Commission's success and assisted in presenting the beautification awards.

Ms. Marchino noted the opportunity that exists on November 14th to assist with tree planting in Heuser Park along the new Valley Forge trail and at Volpe Park and encouraged local citizens to participate.

As Board Liaison to the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission, Mrs. Spott pointed out another assignment fulfilled by the Commission is review of development plans during the land development process. The Commission works with the Township Planner and ultimately advises the Board of Supervisors to make sure the landscaping aspects of development plans have sufficient greenery.

The Shade Tree Commission members also keep a close eye on natural threats such as beetles, borers and other invasive insects that threaten our trees and work proactively to protect this valuable natural resource which not only beautifies our surroundings but also helps purify the air we breathe.

Mrs. Spott reported on an issue that was brought up at the Shade Tree Commission meeting last night regarding detrimental mulching practices. She indicated it is important for people to apply the 3-3-3 rule when mulching around trees and shrubs. When mulching, spread evenly and no deeper than three inches, no closer than three inches away from the trunk and with at least a three foot radius around the tree. In addition, avoid volcano mulching since it deprives

the tree roots of oxygen and water and eventually results in tree-based rotting.

CONSENT AGENDA RE:

1. Equipment Replacement Request re: Replace 1997 Public works Truck #724 - \$231,054
2. 2016 Minimum Municipal Pension Obligation (MMO)
3. Motion to Authorize Solicitor to Execute an Agreement with DEP re: Ferro settlement
4. Resolution 2015-32 re: Authorize to sign the attached Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement for the Installation of a Traffic Signal Intelligent Transportation System at Valley Forge Road and Ramp A (Rt. 422)
5. Resolution 2015-33 re: Application for Traffic Signal to Modify an Existing Traffic Control Signal at North Gulph Road and First Avenue as part of PennDOT's Rt. 422 Improvement Project
6. Resolution 2015-35 re: Agreement of Sale and Temporary Construction Agreement for the PA Turnpike Commission Dynamic Messaging Signs on Mall Boulevard
7. Community Center Project Change Orders re:
 - a. SMJ Contracting (General) Change order #15 – in the amount of \$54,340.37 for additional painting in the main gyms and lower level and to add waterproofing to the site retaining wall at the lower level entrance
 - b. SMJ Contracting (General) Change Order #16 – in the amount of \$110,575.09 for the following changes: 1 – addition of 8 windows in large aerobics room, 2 – capping of existing well in lower level parking lot, 3 – meter pit relocated per utility company, 4 – changes in gym storage walls, 5 – removal and replacement of ridge insulation, 6 – replacement of roof ridge, 7 – stud changes in the P&R Office, 8 – internal meter pit changes per utility company, 9 – changes in wall in IT Room
 - c. SMJ Contracting (General) Change Order #17 – in the amount of \$24,235.81 for storm water management
 - d. SMJ Contracting (General) Change Order #18 – in the amount of \$81,358.50 for added supervision and general conditions costs related to 108 day extension of time to complete the following work of the contract: building renovation and addition complete in its entirety, lower parking lot complete in its entirety to a point at or near the east side of the elevator tower, upper parking lot complete (except for connections to permanent stormwater systems), and walking path complete in its entirety from the upper parking lot to the main building entrance
 - e. SMJ Contracting (General) Change Order #19 – in the amount of \$100,443.18 for changes to the underground stormwater management system (\$32,644.43), for cost of supervision and general conditions (\$67,798.75) related to ten week duration for completion of middle parking lot and stormwater management system connections
 - f. Pinnacle Electrical Construction Change Order #4 – in the amount

of \$22,159.50 for the installation of new underground duct bank from the pole to transformer. This duct bank provides electrical power to the pool

- g. Pinnacle Electrical Construction Change Order #5 – in the amount of \$24,000 for revisions and additions to power, data and cable installation in the fitness room to accommodate equipment that was selected and layouts. (*Mrs. Spott noted notwithstanding these change orders, the Community Center is still well within and under budget at this point*).

8. Citizen Board Appointments:

- a. Vivian Peiken to the Planning Commission
- b. Alison Andrel to the Police Citizen Advisory Board

9. Equipment Replacement Requests re:

- a. Police Department – Replacement of Duty Weapons - \$51,071.00
- b. Public Works – Replace Compressor Unit that serves the Annex - \$5,000.00
- c. Public Works – Replace failing LED traffic signal battery backup systems - \$50,000.00

- 10. Swedesburg Volunteer Fire Company Requests that the Capital Maintenance Fund incur the cost of \$7,794.93 for the repair of the Rescue 49 radiator. The 2015 Approved Budget figure is \$10,000 – the Swedesburg Volunteer Fire Company will reimburse the Township \$5,000 for a portion of this repair.

Board Comment:

With regard to Item #6, Mr. Jenaway reported on a meeting he attended with the Turnpike Commission last week. During the meeting he asked what type of sign this would be and they responded it is the same type of sign that will be placed on the turnpike. Every 5-7 miles there will be a dynamic messaging sign which is intended to provide advance information of accidents, conditions, etc. so people will know in advance the types of issues they might encounter.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mr. Waks, all voting “Aye” to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-31 RE: RACP GRANT – HEUSER PARK TO VALLEY FORGE PARK TRAIL – UPDATED

Board Comment:

Mr. Waks stated as he has in the past he will continue to recuse himself from all votes pertaining to the Heuser Park to Valley Forge Park trail. He explained he has been recusing himself on these matters since the trail will run near the property where he lives. For a long time, Mr. Waks thought that the township and the Valley Forge Towers where he owns a condominium would be engaged in a discussion about a potential private benefit in the way of private access to the trail. While technically not a conflict of interest according to Pennsylvania law since this falls under what is known as the class exemption as he is one of about 1,500 to 2,000 people who will be receiving this private benefit, Mr. Waks emphasized how important it is for supervisors and other officials to hold themselves to a higher level of standard than just what the law mandates. Mr. Waks indicated he will continue to recuse himself on these

matters and for this reason will not be voting on Agenda Items C and D. A letter is on file with the township explaining his position on these matters and will be added to the minutes to that effect.

Mrs. Spott stated Resolution 2015-31 is an updated resolution. The township received a substantial grant from the State of Pennsylvania for building this trail in the amount of \$500,000 which requires a township match. This resolution effectuates the transfer in matching funds and receipt of the grant.

From the Public:

Bernadette Constant, Old Valley Forge Road, asked if the currant path from the Lafayette Apartments to Valley Forge is included in the trail system. Dan Russell, Park and Recreation Director, stated that is a portion of the trail that will be done in a Phase Two. It will be necessary for the township to go through the legislative process to have ownership of that land transferred to the township. This piece of land is essential to the trail and it will be completed once that process is done.

Although Mr. Waks will not be participating in any votes for reasons he stated earlier, he asked a question in order to provide clarity to this question. Mr. Waks asked if it is correct that while the path would be part of a Phase Two it would be possible for people to access Phase One of the trail which runs close to the Lafayette at Valley Forge and continue on to the small trail that goes under US 422. Mr. Russell responded, "that is correct." He noted that portion of the trail will not be paved at this time, but it will still be accessible to all residents.

Ms. Constant asked for more details about the transfer of ownership of the land upon which the memorial trail is located. Mr. Russell responded the state owns this piece of land and he will work with Lafayette Apartments if they would like to keep the trail in the current memorial state. He said he is also working with Valley Forge Towers as well as all the other landowners on a continual basis.

Ms. Constant asked about the maintenance of the trail. Mr. Russell responded the trail in its entirety will be managed on a regular basis as part of the Park and Recreation park system.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, to approve Resolution 2015-31. Mr. Waks abstained. Motion approved 3-0-1.

SCHUYLKILL RIVER WEST TRAIL PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS RE:

- a. Horst Excavating Change Order #1 – in the amount of \$16,057.60 to upgrade 640 linear feet of ornamental fence and add one (1) ornamental access gate. *Note: this was requested by the Valley Forge Towers Community and they will be reimbursing the township for half the cost (\$8,028.80). It aligns the fencing by a residential area with that of what already exists.*
- b. Horst Excavating Change Order #2 – Extending contract time frame by 27 days to account for weather related project delays. The new contract completion date would be September 30, 2015. There is no cost impact to the project for this change.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, to accept the change orders as stated. Mr. Waks abstained. Motion approved 3-0-1.

MIRABELLA PROPERTIES CONDITIONAL USE DECISION; 751
VANDENBURG ROAD; 311-UNIT RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT COMPLEX
WITH 2,500 SF COMMERCIAL/RETAIL SPACE, 19.28 ACRES, KPMU – KING
OF PRUSSIA MIXED USE DISTRICT

John F. Walko, Deputy Township Solicitor, stated on July 16, 2015 a Conditional Use hearing was held for this 311-unit residential apartment complex. After such time findings and facts and conclusions of law were made and the motion is ready to sign and approve the Conditional Use Order for this conditional use decision.

Mrs. Spott indicated during the hearing there was some discussion about the square footage of commercial retail space and asked if the Order is consistent with the hearing testimony. Mr. Walko responded in the affirmative. He noted the approval is based on five specific conditions as follows:

1. That the applicant comply with the testimony at that public hearing
2. That the applicant comply with the Township Engineer's review letter dated July 1, 2015
3. That a space consisting of a minimum of 1,500 square feet of a non-residential use that is otherwise permitted in the zoning district be provided in one of the four main buildings constructed
4. That the walking trails presented on the land development plan be constructed with a porous paving material, and
5. That the walking trails presented on the land development plan be available to the public at large and not reserved for the residents of that development.

Mr. Walko stated the aforementioned five conditions are before the Board of Supervisors for approval of this conditional use.

From the Public:

Amanda Petrich, Croton Road, asked if the impact on school district capacity was considered during the land development process. Mr. Walko responded there was testimony presented at the conditional use hearing and a study was done by the developers. The resultant fiscal analysis anticipates 27 school age children would be within the 311 units.

Ms. Petrich asked if something similar was done for the other development [stacked townhomes]. *This question was addressed later at this meeting.*

Mr. Waks encouraged Ms. Petrich to watch the [July 16, 2015] Board of Supervisors business meeting for a thorough discussion of the number of children projected to go to public schools from this particular development. *(Note: At the July 16, 2015 Board of Supervisors Business meeting Mr. Waks asked how many students would be in the 311 units. Mr. Della Porta responded approximately 27 school age children).* Because the number of units in this projected development is very similar to each of the three buildings in the Valley Forge Towers he went to each of the three buildings in that complex and asked about the number of students in each building. The response indicated in each building none of them were close to having 27 children. Mr. Waks concluded that 27 is probably a fair estimate and based on the 27 children projected for this development the development itself would actually end up being revenue positive for the school district.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the Mirabella Properties Conditional Use decision as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-37 RE: REALEN/VR-4: ARADIA/TOLL BROTHERS; 132 STACKED TOWNHOMES

Utilizing the aerial, Scott Greenly, Associate Township Planner, pointed out the location of the proposed 132 stacked townhome development. He also noted on the site plan the access points (including emergency access), landscaping features which features a heavily landscaped main courtyard and open green space. Since the last discussion [July 9, 2015 workshop meeting], lanes have been widened to 24 feet to accommodate delivery trucks. An emergency access was added to N. Gulph Road and an area for a truck turnaround off of the main street. Conceptual designs and floor plan were highlighted on the aerial.

Dennis Maloomian, President of Realen, said of all the development on the property, this plan is generating the most phone calls. It is the first "for sale" product that is being built. Construction should start if the weather holds sometime before the end of the year and a model unit will be available very quickly.

Mrs. Spott asked if access for emergency vehicles has been addressed and satisfied. Mr. Greenly responded this plan has been before the police and fire safety officials and reviewed for safety. It has also been reviewed extensively to the satisfaction of the township engineer. Tom Beach, Township Engineer, stated one of the main concerns was access of fire vehicles in the whole complex because of limited access. They have worked through quite a few issues. Mrs. Spott asked if Mr. Jenaway was satisfied from that standpoint and he responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Jenaway indicated he observed that the main entrance has some type of median there and asked if there is sufficient movement capability for a tractor trailer/moving van to get in. Mr. Maloomian commented this plan took longer to approve than some of the others and it was because of these kinds of issues. He said this is the lowest density of anything they have done on the site and because it was an unusual configuration they spent time working with the engineer and fire marshal and that was one of the features that was revised to reflect that kind of concern. Mr. Beach indicated everyone is comfortable with the entrance now. He noted one of the past scenarios had an "eye brow" in the middle of the site which was eliminated because it created "weird" turning radiuses for fire apparatus.

Mr. Jenaway emphasized these kinds of discussions are important for the potential purchaser so they know everyone has gone to these lengths for due diligence.

Mr. Waks asked about the square footage of the first and second story units as opposed to the third and fourth story units. Mr. Maloomian responded there are three variations. The lower unit is smaller than the upper unit because the lower unit is encumbered by the garages as well as the stairwell to the upper unit. The lower unit is about 1,500 square feet except for the lower units with a walkout basement. The lower units with the walkout finished basement are about 2,500 square feet which is about the size of the upper unit. The lower units will be more per square foot but because they are smaller they will be less expensive. They have not determined the price because they have not determined the cost. The thought is the lower units without the walkout basement would be mid-\$300,000 and the upper units would be mid-\$400,000.

Mr. Waks asked for more information about the dog park. Mr. Maloomian indicated there will be a dog park overlooking the pond.

Mrs. Spott asked if any information is available on the number of children anticipated in the development. Mr. Maloomian responded while Realen is not obligated by the same requirements as other developments he said what they are building will not generate a sizeable number of school children. The next project will have no school children because it will be deed restricted 55 and older.

Cynthia Hornyak, Mark Lane, asked how soon a rendering will be available [for the stacked townhomes] and information such as a projection of what will be included, estimated taxes, etc. Utilizing the aerial, Mr. Maloomian pointed out a collage of what the architecture is likely to be which is a little more contemporary. Realen is working with Toll Brothers, the nation's luxury builder, to finalize what they think is the best architecture in terms of what is going to be offered in the way of amenities. As soon as this has been finalized it will be up on their website.

Mr. Greenly noted the site plan for this development is on the township's website.

Board Action:

Resolution 2015-37 was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Board Comment after the vote

Mr. Jenaway commented he saw a similar development this past week in the Pittsburgh area and found it to be unique, out of the ordinary, attractive and extremely vibrant.

RESOLUTION 2015-36 RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN: 455 CROOKED LANE; LANDSCAPE SUPPLY FACILITY; 2-BUILDINGS 3,420 SF; HI, 1.22 ACRES

Mr. Greenly provided background on the 1.22 acre site located at 455 Crooked Lane which is currently used as a landscaping facility and proposed to continue with that use. The applicant is proposing a 1,995 square foot covered garage area as well as a 1,425 square foot covered parking area.

The Montgomery County Planning Commission letter addressed a sidewalk extension along the frontage of this property which the applicant has added to the plan. The sidewalk is a very good connection and will provide a continuous network all the way down to the train station to the south.

Stormwater is facilitated by a drainage basin in the rear of the property and the access to the property comes off an easement onto Crooked Lane.

Mrs. Spott asked about the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission review. Mr. Greenly responded the Shade Tree Commission reviewed the plan at their meeting last night. They did have some slight revisions Mr. Greenly will be sharing with the applicant.

Mrs. Spott stated the most important revision she noted at the meeting was providing evergreens which would offer better screening. She wants to make sure this is acceptable to the applicant and that the applicant will follow the recommendations of the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Greenly noted the applicant has done some extensive community outreach to the residents to the south and there have not been any negative comments.

Board Comment:

Mr. Waks mentioned he knows one of the residents whose property backs up to the development and he did reach out to them to confirm they had talked to the applicant. This was confirmed and the neighbor indicated their satisfaction. Mr. Waks appreciated the applicant's follow up in talking to the residents.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2015-36. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

HEARING RE: REQUEST BY FOGO DE CHÃO, KING OF PRUSSIA), LLC FOR APPROVAL OF INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-35

Mark E. Kozar, Esq., Flaherty & O'Hara, stated the firm's sole area of practice is liquor law and liquor licensing throughout the state and nationally. The applicant, Fogo de Chão, is requesting approval of a resolution permitting the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license from outside the township to within it pursuant to the revised Liquor Code, Title 47, Section 461, subsection (b.3) for use by Fogo de Chão in the King of Prussia Town Center. Section 461 (b.3) of the Liquor Code permits the Liquor Control Board to approve the transfer of a liquor control license from any municipality in Montgomery County to any other municipality as long as the receiving municipality issues a resolution approving the transfer.

Mr. Kozar provided background information on Fogo de Chão which had its beginnings as a single restaurant in southern Brazil in 1979. Since that time Fogo de Chão has become an international restaurant sensation. Fogo de Chão which recently became a publicly traded company has 37 restaurants in three countries (26 in the United States). The restaurant planned for Upper Merion will be their second restaurant in the state of Pennsylvania. There is one currently located on Chestnut Street in downtown Philadelphia. Fogo de Chão is a leading fine dining Brazilian steakhouse which specializes in fire-roasted high quality meats utilizing a century's old southern Brazilian cooking technique. Their menu offers a wide variety of Brazilian inspired side dishes, fresh cut vegetables, seasonal salads, aged cheeses and cured meats where they can receive immediate entree table service from their chefs by turning a service medallion found on each guest seat green side up. Each chef rotates throughout the dining room and they are responsible for the specific cut of meat which they prepare, cook and serve to guests continuously throughout their meal. Guests can pause the service at any time by turning the medallion to red. Fogo's continuous service model allows customization and consumer engagement since guests control the variety and quantity of their food and the pace of their dining experience. The menu features a wide variety of cuts of beef, pork, lamb and chicken as well as seafood entrees. Fogo will be open for lunch and dinner. Lunch hour is Monday through Friday or 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner hour is Monday through Thursday or 5:30 to 10 p.m., Friday 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sunday they open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again for dinner 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mr. Kozar indicated the restaurant is going to be in the neighborhood of 8,500 square feet with indoor seating for approximately 260 and outdoor seating for 32 patrons. This restaurant will employ in the neighborhood of 64 employees. Alcohol is served as a complement to the food at Fogo not as the main entrée. Alcohol service at all Fogo de Chão restaurants makes for a consistent product both nationally and internationally. Percentage of alcohol sales is a percentage of total sales. Last year it was in the neighborhood of 17%. Fogo is a responsible owner making a significant investment in Upper Merion that will be protected by responsible management and well trained employees.

Mr. Walko suspended the public meeting and opened the public hearing regarding this inter-municipal liquor license transfer from Norristown Borough into Upper Merion Township. He introduced into the Record Board Exhibit #1, application letter received by the Township on August 26, 2015 from the attorney, Robert O'Hara on behalf of Fogo de Chão; Board Exhibit #2, legal notices of this public hearing and meeting, Board Exhibit #3, Proof of Publication in the *Times Herald* newspaper dated September 2nd and September 9th, 2015.

Mr. Walko asked if the Board had any specific questions.

Mrs. Spott said she has had an opportunity to dine at Fogo de Chão both in Philadelphia and Dallas. She indicated it is a compliment to our community that a restaurant of this caliber is planning to enhance the new development in Upper Merion Township.

Mr. Jenaway mentioned he has also had an opportunity to enjoy the dining experience at Fogo de Chão at various locations in the country and said it is a high quality restaurant and welcome addition to Upper Merion.

With no further comments from the Board of Supervisors or public, Mr. Walko closed the hearing and reconvened into the public meeting portion of the agenda placing the resolution in a position for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2015-34. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Board Comment after the vote:

Mrs. Spott asked about the anticipated opening of the restaurant. Mr. Kozar responded the opening should occur in approximately six months.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the Accounts Payable for invoices processed from August 5, 2015 to September 9, 2015 in the amount of \$2,115,523.24 and the Payroll for August 14, 2015 and August 23, 2015 in the amount of \$1,396,044.57 for a total of \$3,511,567.81. None opposed. Motion passed 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Mr. Jenaway stated the Park and Recreation Master Plan is in its final phase. The draft plan is currently being reviewed by the subcommittee and should be in a position for consideration by the Board of Supervisors in the fall. Mr. Jenaway expressed appreciation to the 1,000 plus residents who completed the survey, attended the open public meetings and provided their input and thoughtful suggestions.

CHARTER PASSHOLDER CAMPAIGN FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Jenaway indicated more information on the benefits of being a passholder along with a video can be seen on the township's website. The deadline for becoming a charter passholder has been extended to November 25th.

UPPER MERION COMMUNITY FAIR AND FALL FESTIVAL

Mr. Jenaway provided details about the Upper Merion Community Fair and Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd. (*note: Due to inclement weather forecast for October 3rd, this event was cancelled.*)

FAMILY DAY AT VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Mr. Waks reminded everyone that Friday, September 25 is Family Day at Valley Forge National Historical Park.

THANKS TO MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Waks expressed appreciation to the Media Communications Advisory Board, Carla Showell-Lee, Public Information Officer, and Don Herbert, UMGA-TV, for all their hard work in making the LED signs at the corner of Henderson Road and Valley Forge Road a reality. With 24,000 vehicles passing through that intersection on a typical weekday, the signs will greatly expand Upper Merion Township's communication with our residents.

FARMERS MARKET

Mrs. Kenney: reminded everyone about the Farmers Market which will still be held on Saturday, September 26, even though it coincides with the visit of Pope Francis.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Spott announced a number of upcoming Township meetings and events.

14TH ANNUAL SENIOR FALL FLING

Mrs. Spott noted next Thursday, September 24th, the Senior Fall Fling will be held at the King of Prussia Mall and the theme this year is "Community of Service." Four non-profit organizations will be featured which include Neighborhood Meals on Wheels, Feel the Warmth, Upper Merion Emergency Aid, and Women's Club of Upper Merion.

UPPER MERION SENIOR CENTER IS HOLDING ITS 6TH BIG BINGO ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

Mrs. Spott provided details about the "Big Bingo" event hosted by the Upper Merion Senior Center on Saturday, October 10th.

UPPER MERION 2015 PLATINUM AWARD

Mrs. Spott announced that Upper Merion Township was awarded the 2015 Platinum Award from the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association at their annual Sustainable Awards event which recognizes its partners for their outstanding achievements in implementing programs that provide and promote commuting alternatives for their employees and the community overall. Platinum recognition is the highest level of recognition for continued commitment to sustainability and to the environment.

Mrs. Spott said the Board of Supervisors takes commuting alternatives very seriously for those who want to walk, bike or commute via any means that does not involve getting into a car. The Board is actively trying to make this a much more walkable community and the progress being made in evidence throughout the township is something we are all proud of.

WILD ANIMAL PROBLEM

Mrs. Spott stated the Upper Merion Police Department responds to calls regarding dead or rabid animals, but if residents have wildlife animal problem they need to contact the Montgomery County Animal Control at 610-972-7792.

POLICE CHIEF TOM NOLAN QUOTED IN PENNSYLVANIA TOWNSHIP NEWS

Mrs. Spott called attention to the September 2015 issue of *Pennsylvania Township News* wherein Police Chief Tom Nolan was quoted regarding the policies and training in place to meet the high standards of the department's use-of-force policies. It is an honor for Chief Nolan to be selected for this interview as an authority and model for other municipalities to follow and reflects great credit on the Upper Merion Police Department.

POPE FRANCIS VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. Spott provided an update on the Papal visit scheduled for Saturday, September 26th and Sunday, September 27th and the impact of this event on Upper Merion Township. She indicated there has been a tremendous amount of planning and preparation by the township's emergency management team, the Upper Merion Police Department, the Fire and Rescue Services and the Township Manager and our staff. Mrs. Spott expressed confidence in the planning and preparations that are in place and there should be minimal disruption to our community.

From the Public:

Lydia Dan Sardinias, Farmers Market Manager, provided details regarding the October 10th Oktoberfest celebration that will be held at the Farmers Market in conjunction with the Swedesburg Fire Company. German platters complete with bratwurst and traditional German sides will be available as well as birch beer and pretzels.

Amanda Petrich, Croton Road, discussed the concern she has with traffic on Croton Road in front of Roberts Elementary School. The Township Manager asked for her contact information and will follow up on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0. Adjournment occurred at 9:17 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered