

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Workshop Meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2023, in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Bill Jenaway, Greg Waks, Greg Philips, Carole Kenney and Tina Garzillo. Also present were: Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager; John Walko, Township Solicitor and Kailie Melchior, Solicitor's Office; Leanna Colubriale, Twp. Engineer.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Chairperson Garzillo stated that there will be an Executive Session following tonight's meeting.

DISCUSSIONS:

2023-2025 PARAMEDIC / EMT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: Approval of the 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters Local 5339 covering the Township paramedics and emergency medical technicians.

Board Action:

It was moved by Vice-Chair Jenaway, seconded by Supervisor Philips, all voting "Aye" to approve the 2023-2025 Paramedic / EMT Collective Bargaining Agreement. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

TROUT RUN WPCC PUG MILL & SLUDGE CONVEYOR PROJECT: Authorization to advertise and solicit bids to replace the existing lime mixer and sludge conveyor at Trout Run WPCC.

Board Action:

It was moved by Supervisor Kenney, seconded by Supervisor Waks, all voting "Aye" to approve the Trout Run WPCC Pug Mill & Sludge Conveyor Project. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

SPARK CAR WASH – 161 W. DeKalb Pike:

Denise Yarnoff, representing Spark Car Wash present plans for a car wash at 161 W. DeKalb Pike. She said that they already went before the Planning Commission and are asking for a few waivers, then she interduce Matt from Spark Car Wash. Spark Car Wash is headquartered at of Summit, NJ and would like to open their first car wash in PA here in KOP. They are an environmentally friendly business; all the products are biodegradable and they recycle and reuse the water. They will be open for business 12 hours each day from 8 am to 8 pm, plus 1-hour startup and 1 hour closing procedure totaling 14 hours per day with at least three full time employees at all times.

Supervisor Philips is concerned that since there will only be one entrance which will also be used to exit the property he feels it will cause a traffic jam. Matt said that's why they will have a full-time person directing the traffic flow and the property is deep enough to accommodate a lot of vehicles. He also said they are 60% membership based to 40% none, so most people will know how to maneuver the area and only about 50% will use the vacuums. Supervisor Kenney asked about stormwater runoff, Matt said since they recycle about 80% of the water 24/7 only 20% is discarded which will go into a lined retention basin.

Chairperson Garzillo asked what are the four waivers they're asking and Denise said they were for grading of 5' from the property line, to present partial plans, changing some plantings and the placement of them and finally to have a Preliminary/Final. Vice-Chair Jenaway asked about their escape route, incase a vehicle gets stuck and Matt explained how they get them out. There is also enough room for emergency vehicles to enter and turn around to exit.

Mr. Matt Kozsuch from McMahon Associates presented the traffic study for Dekalb Pike and the car wash entrance as well as the surrounding properties near it. The Board has a lot of concerns that cars are going to backup onto DeKalb Pike causing traffic jams and/or accidents. After a long discussion on how to refigure the lot the Board wants to talk to PennDOT about different options and wants the applicant to come to September 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop.

ALLENDALE ROAD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE:

Mr. Hamaday said to restore the Allendale Road Pedestrian Bridge would cost about \$400,000.00 plus an additional \$300,000.00 to close down the Turnpike while repairing the bridge. He asked the Board on whether the Township should repair the bridge and continue to maintain it or just remove it for about \$700,000.00 because there is another bridge next to it. The Board feels they should just repair it and hopefully it will last another thirty years before they have to invest more money.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA REVIEW:

Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager gave an overview of the August 10th Business Meeting.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Janet Barcaro from Redwood Road, KOP present 82 signed index cards with about 100 signatures from the residents of Belmont Hills wanting the Brownlie Road Bridge to be completed by the end of this year. Also, Mr. Brock Pemberton from East Beidler Road, KOP asked why it has taken so long and wants to know when the project will be completed. Mr. Hamaday explained the process and exactly what was wrong with the bridge and that the Township was waiting to hear back from PennDOT. Also, the Township originally remitted the application to fix the bridge saying it was a culvert but when PennDOT inspected it they said it is a bridge and there was more repairs than expected.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Action:

It was moved by Supervisor Waks, seconded by Supervisor Philips, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Adjournment occurred at 9:31 pm.



ANTHONY HAMADAY  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered: