

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
BUSINESS and COMMITTEES MEETING
February 25, 2021

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business and Committees meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 via Zoom Teleconference. Vice Chairperson Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Elgin Akarsoy, Kevin Else and Ray Wilson. Also in attendance, Gregory Lebold, Township Manager, Carl Ewald, Township Solicitor, and Kim McCloskey, Administrative Assistant.

Not Present: Beth Glassman, Chairperson and Kathy Heupler.

Addition of Items to the Agenda

None

Public Forum

Anne Pittinger, 709 Summer Street and Jamie Roller, 611 Autumn Lane were present to discuss issues at Cherry Street Park. Ms. Pittinger noted that she had sent a letter to Mr. Else and Ms. Glassman regarding ongoing concerns she has, which include:

- Parking
- Timing of community events
- Bathroom facilities
- Erosion
- Improvements to the building
- A walking path
- A picnic table
- Removal of over grown brush
- A community garden
- Storage of equipment
- A community day for improvements
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Ms. Pittinger asked for a concrete action plan from Council as these conversations have been going on for several years.

Ms. Roller informed Council that she has documentation going back 25 years regarding problems at the park. Ms. Roller was provided clarification on the field use permit approval process, wherein she was informed that the Recreation Board makes a recommendation and Council ultimately approves or denies the permits. Ms. Roller further noted that in her opinion, the organized sports groups consume the majority of the park, leaving very little time for resident use.

Mr. Akarsoy informed Ms. Pettinger and Ms. Roller that he would be attending the next Recreation Board meeting to discuss their concerns.

There was also a discussion on having a survey put on the website to get feedback on park usage.

Old Business

Ordinance 532 - 1st Reading

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 532 establishing a 25mph speed limit on Marcella Lane.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes		

Motion approved 3-0

New Business

eWaste Event

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve participation in an eWaste Event along with Middletown and Edgmont Townships at a cost of \$1,167.00.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes		

Motion approved 3-0

Resignation - Planning Commission

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to accept the resignation of Brian Carr from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes		

Motion approved 3-0

Appointment - Planning Commission

Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to appoint Patrick Conboy from the 4th District to fill the unexpired term of Brian Carr on the Planning Commission, whose term expires on January 1, 2024.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes		

Motion approved 3-0

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Akarsoy adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 8:12 pm.

COMMITTEES MEETING

Committees' discussions commenced immediately following adjournment of the business portion of the meeting.

Administrative Committee:

No report

Community Development Committee:

The Comprehensive Plan update discussion was tabled until the next Committee meeting.

A discussion was also initiated by Mr. Else regarding a requested increase in Environmental Committee membership, which was also tabled until the next Committee meeting.

Fiscal Committee:

Mr. Else reported that he has been getting notices from residents that they do not want taxes raised. He wanted to assure the community that Council has limited their expenses during the last year and will work toward keeping taxes down.

Public Safety Committee:

Mr. Akarsoy briefly discussed his interest in organizing a community day/fun run.

Public Works Committee:

Mr. Wilson acknowledged the road crew and their tireless work during the last few storms.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committees portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Gregory C. Lebold
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Vice Chairperson