

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
BUSINESS AND COMMITTEES MEETING
January 26, 2023

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business and Committees meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Mr. Kevin Else, Vice Chair, Ms. Marsha Peterson, and Ms. Christen Rexing. Also in attendance, Mr. Don Vymazal, Township Manager, Mr. Carl Ewald, Township Solicitor, Ms. Kim McCloskey, Administrative Assistant and Walt Omlor, Constable.

No Present: Mr. Tom McFadden

Addition of Items to the Agenda

No items added to the agenda

Public Forum

Trevor Serine, 841 Crum Creek Road spoke about the Environmental Commissions review of the Riparian Buffer Ordinance and advised Council of their suggestions and provided documents supporting their position. They recommend that the buffer stay at 100 feet.

Old Business

Ordinance 545 – Radnor St/Manchester Ave Sidewalk

Mr. Vymazal advised that the three properties that will be affected will be getting letter regarding the construction of the sidewalk and that it will be on the Agenda for a first reading at the next meeting.

Ordinance 546 – Handicap Parking – Valley View Road – 1st Reading

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the first reding of Ordinance 546 – installing a handicap parking spot in front of 232 Valley View Road.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion Approved 4-0

Ordinance 547 – Wetland Buffer, Riparian Buffer, SWM

Council will take into consideration the Environmental Commissions suggestions and send the Ordinance to the Township and the County Planning Commissions for comment.

New Business

Eagle Scout Project – Jacob Gelman

Eagle Scout Jacob Gelman from Scout Troop 272 presented to Council his design for building bluebird houses in Scott Park. He would like to build 6-8 houses and described all the construction and materials in detail. He is currently looking for funding for the project. Council commended him on his presentation and all agreed Scott Park is a perfect location. It was suggested that Mr. Gelman go before the Township Recreation Board to seek help with funding of the project. Some Council members and constable Omlor made donations for the project. His budget is \$400.00.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Akarsoy adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 8:04 pm.

COMMITTEES MEETING

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

Administrative Committee:

Mr. Akarsoy advised that there is a position in the Sewer Authority for an Office Manager which is closing on 1/31/23; and Assistant Township Manager position which closes on 2/6/23; crossing guard positions and a part-time police officer position available.

Community Development Committee:

Mr. Vymazal discussed the DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant opportunity, also called C2P2. It is an annual grant fund through the Department of Conservation National Resources that can go toward a number of activities for open space and parks.

Ms. Rexing is working with Bob Linn to start up the UPT Business Association again.

2023 Community Day – September 16th

Fiscal Committee:

DCIGRA – emergency services grant – this grant was for \$2,500 for police outreach and community engagement. They purchased materials, literature, publications and backpacks.

Public Safety Committee:

Ms. Peterson advised that UPT has an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) but is has not been updated since 2017. It is supposed to be updated every two years. It has been updated with all the new contact information. A resolution will need to be signed.

The Women's Auxiliary for the Fire House is reconvening post-COVID and will again start having events.

There is a meeting in February that she will attend regarding gun safety.

Public Works Committee:

Mr. Vymazal spoke about the stormwater infrastructure mapping process and what it entails.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson