

March 7, 2023
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

Joint Meeting Minutes

A joint meeting of the Upper Salford Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission was brought to order by Supervisor O'Donnell at 7:30 p.m. Messrs. Giannini, Larson, Nase and Bean were present. Supervisors in attendance were Messrs. Poatsy, Jr., O'Donnell, and Sacks. Township Solicitor, Stephen Imms, Jr. was in attendance, as was Chloe Mohr from the Montgomery County Planning Commission and Zoning Officer Jeffrey Kerlin. Gary Raisner was absent.

The letter submitted by Zoning Officer, Jeffrey Kerlin, regarding **Zoning Ordinance Amendment Recommendations** was discussed. The letter addressed three sections of the Ordinance, Section 27-283.A, "**Front Yard**", Section 27-304.B.2.a "**General Farming**", Section 27-304.A.5 "**Domestic Animals**" vs Section 27-304.B.2.d "**Keeping of Livestock**".

Mr. Kerlin explained the current Ordinance definition of **Front Yard**. He suggested a possible change to the Ordinance, where there is leniency on side yards and/or rear yard setbacks for accessory structures, swimming pools, etc. and prohibiting front yard placement. Another suggested change would be to require a Conditional Use for a Front Yard placement of an accessory structure. Ms. Mohr will do additional research. Mr. Allebach of Ridge Road asked if a corner lot has two front yards.

The **General Farming** section in the Ordinance was discussed. The agricultural definition in the Ordinance is open and should be redefined. Mr. Imms will do additional research.

The Zoning Officer received several inquiries about quantity of animals and permissible animals on a property. The **Keeping of Livestock** definition may be better defined after the General Farming section of the Ordinance is revised.

Montgomery County is initiating a Comprehensive Plan. All are encouraged to take a survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/montco2050>.

Mr. O'Donnell thanked Ms. Mohr for the informational memo.

Mr. Poatsy spoke about a Trail Summit meeting on May 2, 2023, to be held at the Township Building. Surrounding Municipalities will be invited. Ms. Mohr will draft the Agenda.

On a motion made by Mr. Giannini, seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the **Minutes** of the February 7, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Kerlin shared, he received inquiries about AirBNB rentals. A discussion followed.

On a motion made by Mr. Giannini, seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori F. Smith
Assistant Secretary