

June 6, 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, and Bean were present. Supervisors in attendance were Messrs. O'Donnell, and Sacks. Township Solicitor, Stephen Imms, Jr. was in attendance, as was Chloe Mohr from the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Planning Commission members Messrs. Raisner and Nase and Supervisor Mr. Poatsy, Jr. were absent.

Mr. O'Donnell announced that the **July Joint Planning-Supervisors meeting** was advertised to be held on **July 18, 2023**. The regularly scheduled meeting falls on the Independence Day holiday. If there is a need for a Planning Commission meeting, that will supersede a Joint meeting.

On a Motion, made by Mr. O'Donnell, an **Emergency Ban on all outdoor Burning** is declared effective immediately and until further notice, due to the extremely dry conditions. Mr. Sacks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Mohr provided supplemental information to the memo, dated March 30, 2023, offering **Front Yard and setbacks definition options** for the purpose of regulating Accessory Building placement in front of the principal building. Following the review of the current Ordinance, it was decided to leave the Ordinance as it currently stands. No changes will be recommended to the Supervisors at this time.

Ms. Mohr provided a memo, dated May 30, 2023, looking at the Zoning Code, regarding the **keeping of animals**. The discussion included numbers of animals, size and classification of animals, lot sizes vs. number of animals, placement of fencing, free range fowl, keeping of roosters, farm definition. Suggestion for the Ordinance are as follows: No more than five fowl may be kept on a property of less than 40,000 square feet. On non-farm properties, every acre in excess of 40,000 square feet, two additional fowl are permitted. Livestock, fowl, or other animals shall not create a nuisance for abutting property owners, including but not limited to excess or shrill noise, foul odor, dirty water runoff, and spawning of insects or rodents. All fowl-related materials and feed must be kept in a secure enclosed structure on the premises so as to prevent vermin and any nuisance to surrounding neighbors. All waste must be disposed of regularly in a sanitary way acceptable to the Township. It shall be unlawful and shall constitute a nuisance if any fowl, coop, run, or fenced area produces odors, excessive noise, attracts vermin, is kept in an unsanitary condition and/or is otherwise a concern to public health in the discretion of the Zoning Officer. Mr. Imms will present a draft Ordinance revision at the next Joint meeting.

During **Public Comment**, Tom Brown of Old Skippack Road spoke of his experience with pigeons, being raised at a neighboring property, damaging his property.

On a motion made by Mr. Giannini, seconded by Mr. Larson, the **Minutes** of the April 4, 2023, meeting were approved as amended.

On a motion by Mr. Bean, seconded by Mr. Larson, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori F. Smith
Assistant Secretary