

September 14, 2021  
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The September meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman O'Donnell at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Sacks was present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr. Mr. Poatsy virtually attended the meeting.

The Board shared several **public announcements**:

- The Board of Supervisors has been meeting with representatives from the EPA and Schwenksville Water Authority to discuss Baghurst remediation efforts. No in-person meetings have been held, but there has been correspondence through email. The EPA is out to bid on the project and looking at the beginning of October to begin construction.
- Construction on the Park to Perkiomen Trail Connector is occurring, therefore, the walking trails in the area of the Wolford Road lot are temporarily closed for safety reasons.
- Mr. Sacks reminded everyone that dogs must be on a leash when visiting the Upper Salford Park, as there have been a lot of complaints of dogs running loose in the park.
- Montgomery County has set up a cleanup hotline, as well as a website requesting residents to report their damage from Tropical Storm Ida. As of September 10<sup>th</sup>, FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the Commonwealth of PA to assist in the recovery efforts affected by the storm.
- Mr. O'Donnell extended a special thank you to the Fire Company, First Responders, the Water Rescue Squad, and Township Staff for their assistance during Tropical Storm Ida. The Water Rescue Squad responded to 25 water rescues during the storm throughout Montgomery County. There are County and State roads within the Township that are still awaiting repairs.
- The Drive-Up Movie on the Mountain is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the lower lot of Spring Mountain Ski Area. Ice Age Collision Course is being shown and is free to the public.

The following reports were presented for the month of August 2021: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Plymouth Community Ambulance Association, Harleysville Area EMS, Zoning Officer, Building Inspector, Park Board, Road Superintendent, Solicitor, Historical Society, and Residential Pumping Receipt Update.

***Public Comments included:***

- *After the Plymouth Community Ambulance report, Mr. O'Donnell thanked them for being in attendance at the Concerts in the Park this past summer.*
- *During the Historical Society report, Barb Gormley announced that the next meeting will be held September 27<sup>th</sup> with a presentation about the Old Factory on Old Church Road and discuss the most recent storm. The October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be presented by the Damiani family regarding the history of Woxall. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation on Rahmer Auto Racing by Mr. Rahmer. All meetings will be held at the Municipal Building at 7pm.*

Mr. O'Donnell gave an update on the **Construction of the Park to Perkiomen Trail Connector Phase 1**, which includes Upper Salford Park to Spring Mount Road. The contractor is moving along with the project. The section of trail that was paved held up well from the most recent storm. Weather permitting, the trail should be completely paved by the end of this week. The Connector Trail will remain closed until Phase 2 is completed.

***Public Comments included:***

- *Bob Kirk, Galen Lane, commented on the washout of the trail onto his property.*
- *Doug Slemmer, Galen Lane, commented about the design of the trail about a gulch that has formed diverting water onto the Kirk and Slemmer properties.*
- *Karen Kirk, Galen Lane, commented about the construction noise and the people that are constantly trespassing on the trail during construction. She also inquired on a privacy buffer between the trail and their properties.*
- *Mary Slemmer, Galen Lane, inquired about the appropriate starting times for the trail construction crew.*
- *Doug Slemmer, Galen Lane, commented about 8 dead ash trees on his property and the Township property.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the proposal from **Sunrise Valley Fence**, not to exceed **\$17,000**, for the **installation and materials for the Park to Perkiomen Trail Connector Fence**. This fence will be installed along the farm field between the field and the Connector Trail.

***Public Comments included:***

- *Suzanne Stepanek, Barnbridge Drive, inquired what fencing material is being used.*

The Board of Supervisors held a discussion on the **replacement of the playground equipment** at Upper Salford Park. The Board has received and reviewed four (4) proposals. The Board is going to expand on the playground equipment and will add a climbing structure at the Upper Salford Park. The Board is in the final step and will invite 2 of the vendors to meet.

***Public Comments included:***

- *Seth Albright, Quakertown, recommended that the Supervisors should keep in mind the amount of time that the playground equipment vendor has been in business and to check the warranties on the rubberized surface.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of September in the amount of \$249,179.76 for payment.

The receipts for the month of September totaled \$146,886.74.

The Treasurer's report as of September 14, 2021, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$9,551,219.40; total liabilities, \$739,882.37; total equity, \$8,811,337.03. Total liabilities and equity equal \$9,551,219.40.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, with one minor amendment.

***Public Comments included:***

- *Suzanne Stepanek, Barnbridge Drive, commented about the structure being built on her neighbor's property near her property line and inquired what the next steps will be taken by the Zoning Officer.*
- *John Spratt, Barnbridge Drive, inquired how long the Zoning Officer has to take action.*
- *Bob Kirk, Galen Lane, inquired about planting trees on his own property.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer  
Secretary