

February 6, 2024
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 Poatsy, Jr. at 7:30 p.m. Messrs. Giannini, Raisner, and Fritz were present. Supervisors in attendance were Messrs. Poatsy, Jr., O'Donnell, and Sacks. Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr. was in attendance, as was Montgomery County Planner, Chloe Mohr. Planning Commission members Bob Nase and Jeff Bean were absent.

Mr. Poatsy, Jr. **introduced** appointed Planning Commission member, **Timothy Fritz**.

The **Joint meeting was recessed** by Mr. Poatsy, Jr. and the Planning Commission meeting was opened for the purpose of re-organization.

Mr. Giannini brought the **Planning Commission meeting to order**.

On a Motion, Mr. Raisner nominated Mr. Giannini for Planning Commission Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Fritz. Motion carried. **On a Motion**, Mr. Giannini nominated Mr. Raisner for Planning Commission Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Fritz. Motion carried.

On a motion by Mr. Raisner, seconded by Mr. Giannini, the minutes of the December 19, 2023, Planning Commission meeting were approved as written.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned, and the **Joint meeting resumed**.

The **Zoning Hearing** application for **843 Spring Mount Road** was discussed. The Planning Commission will recommend to the Board of Supervisors not to have a Planning Commission representative attend the Zoning Hearing, scheduled for February 12, 2024. A lengthy discussion was held regarding alleged public visitations of the distillery.

Each Planning Commission member was given opportunity to suggest topics to be explored, defined, and discussed in 2024 and going forward, including, but not limited to the following:

- Comprehensive Plan update,
- Indian Valley Regional Planning, completion in 2025
- Transportation challenges
- Township property review for possible permanent preservation
- Energy resources ordinance, Solar farms, 5G antenna
- Open space and recreation County plan (2007)
- Safe walkability/road widening

- Review of past subdivisions for purpose of Ordinance changes (if needed)
- Planning Commission role in Zoning Hearings
- Village visioning
- Trail planning, trail summit, update map
- Historic preservation
- Vehicle safety, parking lot safety at Parks
- Street Tree requirement review

Public Comment: no comments from the public.

Other Business: Ms. Mohr spoke about personnel changes in the County Planning Commission and reassignment of responsibilities. She will keep us informed as to any changes affecting Upper Salford Township. Ms. Mohr also spoke of the SEPTA service change in the Indian Valley Region. The bus service is being replaced with an on-demand transportation service.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Giannini, the August 1, 2023 meeting **Minutes** were approved as written.

On a motion by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Giannini, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori F. Smith
Assistant Secretary