

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP**  
**JUNE 25, 2018**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held an advertised, scheduled work session at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:       Howard S. Reyburn  
                  Scott A. Rugen  
                  Charles Fleischmann  
  
                  Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS:       Franny and Fran Sharon                   Bill and Karen Hovis  
                  Dave Underwood                       Elizabeth Randolph  
                  Karl Herr                                 Harold Bryson

The work session was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chairman, Scott Rugen.

**PARK COMMITTEE**

The Park Committee was present and voiced their concerns regarding the rain garden, to the Board of Supervisors. It appears that the rain garden contains standing water for long periods of time and has a “swamp like” area around the standing water which creates an active breeding area for mosquitos. The Park Committee presented the Supervisors with pictures documenting the rain garden during both days it has rained and days with no rain. They feel GreenWeaver has not upheld their end of the agreement and seek guidance from the Supervisors on what their next course of action should be. The Supervisors encouraged the Park Committee members to attend the Oxford Area Regional Planning meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> and present their concerns to Brandywine Conservancy. Additionally, their concerns will be printed on township letterhead.

CELL TOWER – The cell tower proposed ordinance and contract was discussed. After items on the contract are worked out, the next step would be to hold a hearing and then after the hearing the Supervisors would be able to vote on the ordinance. Charlie stated that one revision was to receive \$21,600/year with 1.5% increase after 10 years equaling \$25,814.00. Howard stated that he was under the impression that host communication and emergencies responders would be free of charge. A review letter was received from Chester County Planning Commission on June 25, 2018. They are suggesting in the definition of the term “Communication antenna” that the word “device” be replaced by the word “structure” which more accurately describes most antennas. They also suggest that the Township consider revising the wording used in proposed Section 1300.D. As written, it would seem to prevent utility operators from replacing utility poles for utility service reasons. Eco Site is proposing a single pole with access off Catamount Road. Charlie will send out revised changes and clarify the rent section where Upper Oxford will expect additional funds from other carriers that piggyback on the tower.

RIPARIAN BUFFER – At the last Planning Commission meeting John Theilacker from the Brandywine Conservancy was present to discuss a Riparian Buffer Ordinance and Timber Harvest Ordinance. Our definitions need to be in order with our Storm Water, Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Elizabeth has questions regarding Section B.1, B.2 and B.3 on Page 4. She will rewrite this for the next Planning Commission meeting hoping to clarify this section. Karl would like to keep a 35 foot wide buffer while Elizabeth would like it to be 50 feet. Scott stated that we do not want this to be a burden on the land owners. On page 5, Uses Permitted. Section D.1.c was discussed and will be changed to twenty (20) feet. Four changes will be made: Tweaking the applicability; increasing the width to 20 feet under “Uses”; Adding Storm Water to Page 8 – accumulative affect and adding language to purpose.

TIMBER HARVEST – Comments were to add an appendix on Page 5 and also on Page 10, to add fees for applications. Our fees should be comparable to other fees the Township is charging. Howard stated that we would be charging a farmer to harvest a crop. The Supervisors will get additional clarification from the Solicitor regarding this. On Page 14-F – burning should be separate and Page 14.9 add “no slash should be within 50 feet of a flood plan”G.iii – piling of slash or litter should be prohibited. Scott will contact John Theilacker regarding fees.

PER CAPITA – Scott will draft a letter regarding the Per Capita Tax and reminding homeowners to contact the Township if they have renters.

ADJOURNED – The Work Session was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett  
Secretary