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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022 – 7:00 PM

*This meeting was held in person and live streamed through the Upper Mount Bethel Township Facebook page.

I.

Vice Chairman Teel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance were Vice Chairman Teel, Supervisor Due, Supervisor Friedman, Supervisor Bermingham, Township Manager Nelson, Township Solicitor Karasek, and Township Engineer Coyle. Chairman Pinter was absent.

II.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION by Supervisor Friedman to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Due.
Vote: 4-0.

III.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Finan, Apache Drive, asked if the Burning Ordinance could be available on the Township website. Chief Finan stated he is a certified state fire investigator and would like to Board to consider appointing him the Fire Marshall. In order for Chief Finan to investigate a fire, the Township needs to give him permission. Secretary Cindy Beck will reach out to Chairman Pinter to confirm this to be on the September 12th BOS agenda.

Steve Couples, Sunrise Blvd., stated he wanted to follow-up on the noise complaints regarding Chelsea Sun and Allegheny Creek. Noise levels seemed to be lower. Mr. Couples stated he reached out to the Local Government Commission in Harrisburg, and they confirmed our Ordinances are spot on. Mr. Couples stated he is not looking to shut businesses down; he would just appreciate the level of quiet to reflect the neighborhood.

Charlie Cole, Riverton Rd., commented on the quiet enjoyment on your property. Truck traffic on Rt. 611, working with the law against large engine noises. Charlie commented

on Manager Nelson stating that Bob Gerwig was against the well ordinance and would like to see proof that he was against it. Charlie stated Bob was very much in favor of the well ordinance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Friedman announced that he will be sending out an email to the members of the well ordinance committee with potential meeting dates.

Supervisor Bermingham announced the Riker family in Lower Mount Bethel Township lost everything in a fire and is in need of baby items, clothing, gift cards etc. Supervisor Bermingham stated he received an email from Kyle Schaarschmidt regarding the issue with the Frontier wires in front of his home. Manager Nelson stated he has been in contact with Frontier and continues to work on resolving the issue. Supervisor Bermingham stated that Marie Barnes is asking when the drains will be fixed on Belvidere Corner Rd.

Supervisor Teel thanked those that attended his first office hours and will continue to have them. The Senior Forum is scheduled for September 10th, 1-3 pm, at the Mt. Bethel Fire Hall. Pledges have reached \$11,000.00.

Manager Nelson presented a short slide show of issues that could possibly cause an accident within our Township.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Parks/Recreation Rental Agreement
2. Parks/Recreation Rules and Regulations

Supervisor Bermingham stated he has not had a chance to review the rental agreement and the rules and regulations. Solicitor Karasek has not seen the revised agreement/rules and regulations. Stavros Barbounis, Chairman of the Parks/Recreation Board, discussed the premise of the documents.

MOTION by Supervisor Friedman to table, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham.
Vote: 4-0.

Supervisor Bermingham asked Stavros about the Community Wide Sale. Registration can be done online or at the Township office.

Supervisor Bermingham asked Manager Nelson for update on the restrooms at the Community Park. Manager Nelson stated the price has not been finalized. There was a discussion on the condition of the existing buildings, whether to demolish and rebuild or to fix.

VI. DISCUSSION

1. Zoning-Structures in a Floodplain or Floodway-Engineer Coyle stated he recommends not removing fences out of the description of a structure and still

require some type of oversight when an application is submitted to install a fence. Manager Nelson drafted a sample of fees that are incurred to go before the Zoning Hearing Board, and it showed that the current fee of \$750 is not sufficient to cover the costs incurred. There was a discussion on whether it would be more cost effective to go before the BOS for a conditional use instead of the ZHB. Engineer Coyle discussed types of fences that might be acceptable in a floodway. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to have Engineer Coyle draft language of the type of fence that the Township could possibly permit that does not obstruct the Floodplain, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 4-0.

Supervisor Due announced that Mr. Ackerman, from Driftstone Campground, is offering his boat to take the Supervisors' out along the river to get a look at the shoreline.

VII.
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Vice Chairman Teel to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary

