

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
BUSINESS MEETING
March 11, 2021

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021, via Zoom teleconference. Chairperson Beth Glassman called the business meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Ms. Glassman announced that an executive session was held via teleconference prior to this meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Beth Glassman, Chairperson, Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Vice Chair, Mr. Kevin Else, Ms. Kathy Heupler and Mr. Raymond Wilson. Also in attendance, Mr. Gregory Lebold, Township Manager, Mr. Ewald, Township Solicitor, Mr. J.P. Kelly, Township Engineer and Ms. McCloskey, Adm. Assistant.

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Chief Montella spoke about each of the three retiring officers, Fed Mason, Michael Langdale and Robert William Haines. Mr. Lebold presented the Resolutions to each of the officers noting their time and contributions to the Township. All of Council extended their thanks to the officers.

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve Resolution 2021-9 recognizing the retirement of Police Officer Fred Mason.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2021-10 – Retirement of Michael Langdale

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve Resolution 2021-10 recognizing the retirement of Detective Sergeant Michael Langdale.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2021-9 – Retirement of Robert William Haines

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Resolution 2021-11 recognizing the retirement of Sergeant Robert William Haines.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Public Forum

709 Summer Street and Jamie Roller, 611 Autumn Lane were present to voice concerns about the organized sports playing at Cherry Street. Geoff Arbogast, Chairman of RTSC to clarified some issues. Sal Mengine, Director of Fields for RTSC, 105 Winter Street, was present commented on the parks use.

Approval of Minutes

February Council Minutes

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the February 11, 2021 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Abstain
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 4-0, 1 abstained

February Committees Minutes

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the February 25, 2021 Council Business and Committees Meeting minutes.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

There is one vacancy in the second District on the Ethics Commission.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development
44 Shady Hill – Authorize Solicitor to Appear

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to authorize the solicitor to appear on behalf of the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the variance request for 44 Shady Hill Road.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Ordinance 532 – Second Reading - Speed Limit on Marcella Lane

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 532 establishing a 25 mph speed limit on Marcella Lane.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

New Business

Voucher List for February 2021

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the voucher list for February 2021 in the amount of \$497,489.33.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2021-6 - Hiring Patrol Officers to Full-Time

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, authorizing the hiring of Patrol Officers Christopher Love, Eric Girill and Karallus Ditrich to the positions of full-time patrol officers.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2021-7 – Promotions to Acting Corporals

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, authorizing that Francis Ely and Michael Habel be designated as Acting Corporals.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2021-8 – Promotions to Acting Sergeants

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, authorizing that Lawrence Baker and George Moore be designated as Acting Sergeants.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Cherry Street Field Usage – Zumbini With Tai

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to not approve the application of Zumbini With Tai as recommended by the Recreation Board.

After discussion by Council the Motion was withdrawn and the applicant will be contacted and given the recommendation of use at Ray Roach Park and Scott Park. No permit is necessary for events with 25 people or less per our Code.

Cherry Street Field Usage – MPFS

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to not approve the application of The Media Providence Friends School.

There was discussion about the following:

- The need to get a better understanding of the overall total usage of Cherry Street Park.
- The rules that were made in 2017 and are those rules to be complied by all applicants.
- The difference between a park and a playing field. We do not have any other playing fields.
- The Recreation Board approved the applications and concessions have been made to make sure the residents have gotten what they want.

- The potential to make active recreation at our other parks needs to be looked into as discussed in the Comprehensive plan.
- Not denying teams at the last minute as schedules have been made.
- How much do the other organizations invest in the park.
- The possibility of approving the Spring only and reevaluating.
- It is a community field not a neighborhood park and not just the contiguous properties. It is a community park.

Mr. Akarsoy amended his Motion to approve the application of The Media Providence Friends School as recommended by the Recreation Board with the note that: A) Township Council work to better understand the overall field usage, and; B) Look into providing a more interactive transparent website residents for our residents to provide their feedback and opinions. There was no second.

Mr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the application of The Media Providence Friends School as recommended by the Township Recreation Board.

Mr. Akarsoy	Abstain	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Abstain	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 3-0; 2 abstained

Cherry Street Field Usage – RTSC

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, not approve the application of Rose Tree Soccer Club. There was no second.

Mr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the application of The Rose Tree Soccer Club as recommended by the Township Recreation Board noting that the Spring season will start at 6:00 pm on weekdays.

Mr. Else requested that Mr. Wilson amend his motion with the caveat that the application be approved for the Spring but not approved for the rest of the year until Council has a chance to review the matter. Mr. Wilson did not amend the Motion.

Mr. Akarsoy	Abstain	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	No	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 3-1; 1 abstained

Cherry Street Field Usage – SMM

Mr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the application of St. Mary Magdalen as recommended by the Township Recreation Board noting that the Spring Season will end at 5:15 pm on weekdays.

Mr. Akarsoy inquired what amount of money this organization puts toward maintenance. Ms. Heupler asked what the permit fee for them would be. It is \$10.00 per participant.

Mr. Akarsoy	No	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	No	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 3-2

Conservatorship – 461 Foxchase Lane

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to authorize the solicitor’s office to petition for Conservatorship to bring 461 Foxchase Lane back up to meeting the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Council’s Administrative Reports

Engineers Report

Ms. Glassman advised that Media Borough has come to us with concerns about the safety of residents walking on Manchester and have offered to fund the portion that we have not budgeted for. Mr. Kelly will contact Media Borough.

Ms. Heupler inquired as to whether Mansion Drive repaving will be on the road program for this year. It is one of the roads on the list that will be determined when the road program is approved which will be on the Agenda in April.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Glassman adjourned the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Gregory C. Lebold
Township Secretary

Beth Glassman
Council Chairperson