

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors  
Workshop Meeting  
August 26, 2015**

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, John Orr and Robert Stoner, Supervisors; Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer; Luanna Zimmerman, Manager; Steve Erdman, Roadmaster; and Diane Myers-Krug of Tri-County Planning.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hepner at 9:00 a.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Old Business:**

1. Diane Myers Krug attended the meeting to present additional suggested revisions to the Section 27 – Zoning of the Township’s Code of Ordinances as a followup to those discussed at the July workshop meeting. Suggestions included the following:
  - a. *Part 3- 27-305 Use Table:* Non-Residential Uses [1] remove kennels as permitted use; permitted only as a special exception in agricultural use; [2] add definition for boarding stables.
  - b. *Part 3 – 27-305 Use Table:* – Non-Residential Uses [1] Omitted Horticulture, animal and Poultry husbandry which are included in the definition of agriculture (§27-503); [2] separate forestry activities to separate line non-residential use. [3] Farm defined as at least 10 acres (§27-201); [4] added HVAC; [5] MPC requires forestry to be permitted in all districts §27-603-f.).
  - c. *Part 3 – 27-305 Use Table – Non-Residential Uses* [1] Public utility service and facilities are permitted in any district (§27-1102-11) as well as substations are included in the public utility definition. Terminology may be added to have conditions and setbacks in residential areas be determined and controlled by Supervisors.
  - d. *Part 3 – 27-305 Use Table – Accessory Uses* [1] Satellite Dish Antennas permitted in any district (§27-1102-25). May add terminology regarding size.
  - e. *Part 4– 27-406 – Conservation District* [1] Tree removal and timbering may include “except for regulated forestry practices” (§27-406 D); [2] Add “certified landscape architects” (§27-406 H (3)); Decide by whom and why a hazard is determined (§27-406 H (5)).
  - f. *Part 5– 27-503 – Agricultural District* [1] Dimensional Regulations – discussion of acreage required to insure agricultural preservation.
  - g. *Part 7– 27-703 – Residential Suburban District* [1] discussion of various types of dwelling units.
  - h. *Part 9– 27-903 – Commercial District* [1] discussion of maximum lot coverage.
  - i. *Part 11– 27-1102 – General Regulations* [1] decision on animal and horticulture regulations put on hold (§27-1102 2); [2] Swimming pools added “closer than 5 feet” to any property line added (§27-1102 14 (D)).[3] New Items included regulations for domestic and nondomestic pets and animal noise.
  - j. *Part 2– 27-201 – Definitions* [1] Added definitions for Communications Antenna, Communications Equipment Building and Communications Tower, Manufactured/Mobile Home park and Public Parks and Recreation Areas.

The Zoning maps will be updated to show changes in zoning for portions of the landfill at a future date. Ms. Myers-Krug will attend the September workshop meeting to discuss further revisions with the Board.

### **New Business**

1. Supervisors discussed a request made by Mike Lyter, Millersburg Area School District Elementary Principal, to allow a school aide to park at the Township office in order to ride with a student on a school district van to transport both individuals to the elementary school. Following discussion, Robert Stoner made a motion that the aide be allowed to park her car at the Township office during school hours. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Board members reviewed an invitation to attend the Annual Township Convention for Dauphin County Association of Township Officials to be held on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Halifax Ambulance and Rescue Building.
3. Supervisors discussed who may attend the Agricultural Security Area Workshop to be held at the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center in Dauphin on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Roadmaster Report:**

- a. Steve Erdman reported that Hammakers will begin sealcoat work on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Paving work to be done by Meckley's Limestone has not been scheduled. Mid-State Paving project work for Green Street and Summers Road also has not been scheduled.
- c. Erdman has contacted Woody Wiest to obtain an estimate for grinding up materials at the compost center.
- d. In response to a complaint received in the Township office, Roadmaster made a site visit on Paxton Drive to determine the condition of the dirt road. He feels the condition of the road surface is satisfactory at this time. Correspondence will be prepared to the complainant stating that her plan to remove the stones placed on the roadway by the Township is illegal. The stone placed on the road surface is standard practice for dirt roads in the Township and will be applied as needed. Attorney Howland will review the correspondence prior to sending it to the complainant.
- e. Supervisors discussed complaints received regarding the emergency route off of Goodling Road. This is not a public roadway. Following discussion, John Orr made a motion that we erect gates on each end of the emergency route and place signs stating that no motorized vehicles are allowed on this route. Second by Robert Stoner. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. Areas on various roadways requiring cold patch were discussed. Steve Erdman recommended placing an 18-inch or 2-foot pipe and wooden headwall at the sinkhole area on Matter Road.
- g. Purchase of winter maintenance for vehicles and personnel matters will be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

- h. Discussion of budget preparation ensued.
- i. John Orr commended Manager Zimmerman on her hard work preparing the Municipal Gaming Grant Application.

4. Due to scheduling issues, John Orr made a motion to change the beginning time for all remaining 2015 workshop meetings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Robert Stoner seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

With no further business on the agenda, John Orr moved to adjourn. Robert Stoner seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel,  
Secretary