

# **UPPER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2020**

The Upper Township Planning Board held a virtual meeting on August 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

## **SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Georgette Costello, Ted Kingston, Janet McCrosson, Gary Riordan, Mayor Richard Palombo, Robert Young and Chairman Joseph Harney.

Absent: Michael Endicott, John Klebaur, Craig Reeves, Hobart Young.

Also, in attendance were Jeffrey Barnes, Board Solicitor; Paul Dietrich, Board Engineer; Shelley Lea, Board Secretary and Zoning Officer.

## **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. McCrosson, seconded by Mr. Riordan, and approved. Abstain: Costello, Palombo, R. Young.

## **SWEAR IN PAUL DIETRICH**

## **PLAN ENDORSEMENT RECERTIFICATION**

Mr. Dietrich stated the township started the recertification process in June 2019. The township submitted a petition for Plan Endorsement to the Office of Smart Growth in 2005. The petition was approved in 2007. Upper is one of 6 townships in the State to do the plan. The planning board must make a recommendation to township committee to endorse the plan. A draft copy of the Plan Endorsement Municipal Self-Assessment Report (MSA) is dated June 2020 and was given to each of the board members.

The township purpose in seeking Plan Endorsement is to extend the four Town Centers and Suburban Planning Area designations as deemed appropriate and necessary for the Township to retain the benefits associated with this designation. The State acknowledges the BL England property in Beesleys Point is in need of redevelopment.

The Township believes the planning efforts that have been done since the Plan Endorsement certification in 2007 remain consistent and support continued certification of the Township's Centers and Planning Areas. The 12-page plan contains a list of planning activities that have been undertaken and recent and upcoming development activities and the efforts taken to support a more sustainable and resilient municipality. The plan

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indicates the township believes that the planning efforts that have been undertaken since the Plan Endorsement certification in 2007 remain consistent and support continued certification of the Township's Centers and Planning Areas.

The meeting was open to the public for comment. Hearing no response, the meeting returned to the board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. McCrosson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by,

Shelley Lea  
Secretary