

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on October 31, 2017, at 7:00 PM, in Fred J. Jajndl Elementary School at 1051 Weilers Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Those present were Chairman, James M. Brunell; Vice-Chairman, John "Sean" Gill; Supervisor, Kathy A. Rader; Township Secretary, Ashley Godshall; Recreation Coordinator, Lynn Pigliacampi; Finance Director, Bruce Koller; Township Recreation Center Architect, Howard Kulp; and Keystone Consulting Engineer, Dean Haas.

Chairman Brunell opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues relating to the proposed Community Recreation Center, the 2018 Township Budget, and any other business that may come before the Board; and to take any necessary action, if appropriate.

DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES

--**Recreation Center** – Engineer Dean Haas, Architect Howard Kulp, and Finance Director Bruce Koller provided an overview of the current Township Park and Recreation Plan and the resident interest in and development of a Community Recreation Center plan. They reviewed the proposed floor plan options, phases, costs, and funding options for the Community Center. The approximate costs of the phases are: Phase 1 = \$7,626,000; Phase 2 = \$2,800,000; Phase 3 = \$4,600,000; Phase 4 = \$4,600,000. Constructing Phases 3 and 4 at the same time would result in an approximate savings of \$2,400,000. At the request of Engineer Haas, **VC Gill made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to designate \$860,000 of the 2018 budget to the Community Recreation Center (\$460,000 for DEP permitting, site design, and building design, and an additional \$400,000 to allow Public Works to begin site preparation work).**

VC Gill made a second motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to allow Township staff to move forward organizing a Capital Campaign and Committee to help generate further funding for the Community Recreation Center.

Public Comments:

Paul Licata (6208 Vista Terrace) – believes Independent Park is underutilized and that should be considered before building another recreational building in the Township.

Daniel Chaply (5526 Heather Ln) – is concerned about the Township taking on a recreation center project instead of leaving that type of project to the private sector.

Jodi Sammarco (9001 Grady Dr) – believes a community center would be a significant benefit to the children and families in the community.

Ed Colón – would like to see sections of the Recreation Center sponsored by major corporations in the community and possibly offer their employees discounted memberships.

Bret Spangler (1117 Covered Bridge Crossing) – is in favor of building the Recreation Center.

Dean Shellhamer (9777 Haas Hill Rd) – is concerned about a possible, eventual tax increase due to the Recreation Center construction.

Janelle Tewksbury (6199 Palomino Dr) – is concerned the revenue generated by Phases 1 and 2 will not generate enough funds to be self-sustainable and therefore the other phases will not be pursued.

POLICE BUDGET

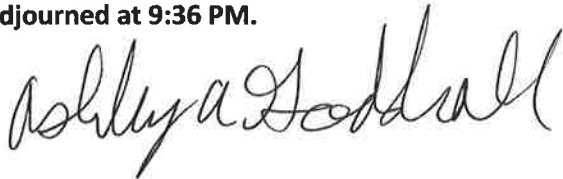
After some discussion, **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to authorize the purchase in 2018 of two K-9 Ford SUVs, one Supervisory Ford SUV, 2 Dodge Charger Patrol Vehicles, all outfitted as presented in the proposed 2018 UMTPD Budget.**

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Chairman Brunell made a second motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to provide clarity and ensure the UMTPD will still be required to sell six vehicles in 2018 even though only five will be replaced.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Rader, seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 9:36 PM.



Ashley A. Godshall, Township Secretary

