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Attendance of Council

Robert S. Gwin Jr. (RG), Brian K. Burke (BB), Danyelle Blackwell (DB), Michelle Billups (MB), Sheikh Siddique (SS), Lisa Faraglia (LF), Donald P. Bonnett (DPB), Matt Silva (MS), Thomas P. Wagner (TW), Laura A. Wentz (LW), Hafiz Tunis Jr. (HT)

Present at the Meeting

Barbarann Keffer, Mayor
Vincent A. Rongione Esq., CAO
Sean P. Kilkenny, Esquire
Courtney N. Richardson, Esquire
Alexis Cicchitti, Chief Municipal Clerk
Christopher McSween, Director of L&I
Timothy Bernhardt, Interim Superintendent of Police

Presentation Speakers

Kimberly Friemuth, Fox Rothschild LLP, Attorneys at Law
Jason Sheridan, P.E. Staff Engineer, Pennoni Associates
Frank Salerno, Director of Elementary Education of the UDSD
Dr. Daniel McGarry, Superintendent of UDSD
Thomas J. Friese, P.E. Senior Engineer & Division Manager, Pennoni Associates
Michael Kelly, AIA, LEED AP, ALEP, Principal, KCBA Associates
Ryan Orr, AIA, Project Designer of KCBA Associates
Michael Galante, Civil Engineer, MG Engineering Associates

Council President, Laura Wentz

Council President Wentz thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. She acknowledged and thanked residents who have left messages and emails with their comments

Mayor Barbarann Keffer

The Mayor gave a brief description of tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions and stated that more detail will be given when they are discussed in individual Committees

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services, Licensing and Public Works Committee:

Brian K. Burke, Chairman
Members: Sheikh M. Siddique, Thomas P. Wagner, Hafiz Tunis Jr.

Ordinance No. 3070, requiring sewer lateral inspections in connection with the transfer or change in use of a property; repealing all Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Ordinance No. 3070.

Q: DPB: What the process is for inspection and who would be doing the inspections? Will the inspection would be performed by a plumber and what would deem a pass or fail? Is there are certain criteria to deem what is a pass or a fail?

Answers:

CAO: It would be a 3rd party inspection hired by the homeowner/seller.

Mr. McSween: The laterals would get a video taken by a licensed plumber to determine if the lateral is property functioning. The plumber would then forward a report to Upper Darby Township and make recommendations depending on what is found in the inspection. The International Property Maintenance Code states that the plumbing line must function as designed.

Q: DPB would like it written in the Ordinance that a video inspection is required and that the plumber who does the inspection may not do the necessary repair work. He also asked who incurs the cost?

Answers:

CAO: The cost would be incurred by the homeowner, meaning the person who is selling the house. In terms of writing more specificity into the Ordinance, that is left to Council for more discussion.

Mayor Keffer stated that if this Ordinance were to go into effect, that people who buy through the first time homeowners program in Upper Darby would get the inspection through the Township. She also stated that she would like the sewer lateral inspection included for work being done through CDBG.

DPB stated that most people in Upper Darby would not qualify for the above programs because they wouldn't be income eligible.

Mayor Keffer stated that this inspection would happen at the point of sale of the property much like the concrete inspections.

Mr. McSween again reiterated that the inspection falls on the seller of the property.

RG stated that Aqua sells services but that they are limited.

Q: BB To the Solicitor about #5 and wanted to know if it says that no one can buy a house "as is" in Upper Darby Township now.

A: The Solicitor stated that any sewer lateral problem would have to be remedied before a U&O is issued.

Mr. McSween stated that the seller and the buyer could work out their own agreement.

BB suggested putting the Ordinance on "the back burner." With input from realtors, he feels that this is not in compliance with Act 133.

Q: SS: How the Township is benefitting from this?

A: Mayor Keffer: explained that having functioning sewer lateral without cracks is a benefit to the Township because it lessens inflow and infiltration of rainwater that gets into the sewer laterals. This will be a long term benefit, not a short term gain. She also stated that the sewer lateral inspection will be part of the U&O and will be required but the Township is not charging a fee.

As far as #5, even if the owner and the buyer agree that the property will be purchased "as is", the inspection is still required and the Township will have a copy so if the Township has to go out there for a sinkhole, we will know that the buyer/seller knew that it had to be fixed.

TW expressed concerns that he doesn't understand why we are addressing these "routine" non-emergency matters during a national emergency when the public can't meaningfully participate in. We should wait until the meetings are back to a normal schedule.

A: Mayor Keffer stated that these issues are, in fact, important and that the Township is here to continue business.

Council President Wentz stated that people are weighing in the discussion in ways that they were never able to because they are leaving comments via email and phone messages. The government must continue running during this time.

Mr. Galante, an Engineer, stated that the sewer lateral problems are a very common problem and that inspections are a very positive thing for all involved.

Mr. McSween and CAO Rongione agreed that the Resolutions and Ordinances being discussed are public safety issues. The CAO also stated that the Governor's stay at home order was extended indefinitely so it is necessary for our government to continue doing business as we don't know how long this crisis will last.

DPB suggested that Ordinance No. 3070 gets tabled for review. He agrees that the issues are important but other than the Aronimink land development which has a deadline and must be addressed, there is nothing that is so critical that it must be addressed at this time.

BB agrees that it should be tabled and wants to go on record that he believes this is a violation of Act 133 of 2016.

HT stated that he believes that we need to continue business as usual as the people are expecting the government to govern and this is the best way to serve Upper Darby Township at this time.

TW said that despite the speeches, people are deluding themselves if they think that this is what the public wants and that there is no reason to be taking up these non-emergency matters and waste the public's time.

HT stated that it is very important that we express the concerns of the constituents and it is very important that we think of Upper Darby as a whole and not only our districts. There are currently 70 people watching and there are never 70 people attending the actual meeting.

Solicitor Kilkenny suggested that relating to #5, he will insert different wording to insure that the Township is in compliance with Act 133.

CAO stated that this issue is going round and round and is repetitive. The questions have been asked and answered.

DPB reminded Council that Act 133 is not the only thing that needs to be addressed. He said that it is not clear who has to pay for the required by a licensed plumbing contractor. He wants the Ordinance tabled.

CAO stated that this issue is going round and round and is repetitive. The questions have been asked and answered.

Mr. McSween stated that plumbers have said that using cameras is the most effective way to see if a sewer lateral is functioning properly and Mr. Galante agreed.

BB continued to say that he believes that this is not in compliance with Act 133 and that Glenolden is being sued right now. He suggested tabling and re-writing the Ordinance.

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that he will finalize the language and will make sure everything is in order before the Ordinance is advertised and it will be very clear that it is Act 133 compliant.

DPB stated that he doesn't understand why so many Special Meetings are necessary. He believes that we are rushing issues and that tonight's Agenda has too many unnecessary items on it.

Council President Wentz stated that she feels that Council has opened the door for more input from Council before a vote and feels that the items on the Agenda are in fact, necessary.

This Ordinance will be introduced at the April 1, 2020 Special Meeting.

Finance and Appropriations Committee:

Robert S. Gwin Jr., Chairman

Members: Michelle Billups, Brian K. Burke

Resolution No. 13-20, a Resolution of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania to provide a fee schedule for the abatement of property; repealing all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions inconsistent herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Resolution No. 13-20.

This item will be placed on the Agenda for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

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Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Ordinance No. 3071.

This item will be placed on the Agenda for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 14-20, a Resolution of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania establishing fines for parking violations in Upper Darby Township; repealing all inconsistent Resolutions or parts thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 14-20.

This item will be placed on the Agenda for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 15-20, a Resolution of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania establishing fees for Licenses and inspections for the operation of food and drink facilities; repealing all inconsistent Resolutions or parts thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Resolution No. 15-20. And clarified that this Resolution along with Ordinance 3073 will bring our Food & Drink Licenses & Inspections up to date with the Department of Agricultural Standards and the State Food Controls Standards.

SS asked Clarification of the fees were specifically for Food Establishments? And asked the fee for Non-Food Establishments and expressed concerns that the Non-Food establishments only had a \$10 Licensing Fee.

A: Mr. McSween these Fees are for Food Establishments Only. Restaurants, grocery stores and business that sell food.

RG: Are non-profits like Schools, subject to these fees?

A: Mr. McSween Yes, anyone who sells food is subject to these fines.

This item will be placed on the Agenda for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 16-20, a Resolution of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, establishing fees for the fire safety inspections in Upper Darby Township; repealing all inconsistent Resolutions or parts thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

RG: Share a typo correction.

Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Resolution No. 16-20.

This item will be placed on the Agenda for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 17-20, a Resolution of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania establishing fines for property maintenance violations in Upper Darby Township; repealing all inconsistent Resolutions or parts thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Resolution No. 17-20.

Q: SS: Right now, there is a warning before a fine. Will there be any warnings or go straight to the \$25 Fine? What is the Time Frame of Warnings vs Fine?

A: Mr. McSween gave an explanation of the time frame of the fines following a warning. He stated that if the person who received a warning acts in good faith regarding timelines and remediation, the Township will work with them. Its Currently, 72 hours. They are looking to make it 48 hours to fix the Violation before Fines to be up to date with area standards.

Q: RG: What if a landlord can not correct the problem in the 48 hours, will they be given the fines?

A: Mr. McSween as long as, the landlord is making a good faith effort to fix the problem and is in contact with the Township. We will work with them.

Q: MS: Is there any progressive nature to these fines and infraction? Will the Twp work with the owners if they have reached out the Twp for the infractions that take more time to correct?

A: Mr. McSween fines can escalate in the frequency of the infractions. As soon as, the landlord reaches out, we can work with them as long as they are respecting the proper time line to fix the infractions.

Mayor Keffer stated that this moves Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement from the citation system which took a long time and involved District Court. These tickets look like parking tickets and they are meant to get people into compliance more quickly. It's not meant to be punitive but more to keep the neighborhood up to standards.

This item will be placed on the Agenda for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

Planning, Zoning and Building Code Committee:

Robert S. Gwin Jr., Chairman

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Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Ordinance No. 3072. It brings us in Compliance with the International Property Maintenance Code.

Mr. McSween This Ordinance brings us into the 21st Century for Property Maintenance Code for Residential and Non-Residential Occupancy Code for the safety and quality of life of our residents.

Q: RG asked how this will be published? The Solicitor stated that we are allowed to summarize this Ordinance by the Sunshine Law and the advertising requirements. He suggested providing copies for viewing at the Township Building and also online. Is there a time frame on in the in-actment of the ordinance?

A: Solicitor Kilkenny we advertise a summary of the ordinance. As per the Sunshine Act, provide copies at the Municipal Building and on line due restrictions with COVID-19.

CAO stated that if approved by Council, it would go into effect immediately, but due to current COVID-19 restrictions, regular code enforcement is not happening so any real enforcement wouldn't substantially take place at least until the Governor lifted the emergency declaration and then the Mayor's declaration would also be lifted.

Council President Wentz: Clarified that all the Ordinances, Resolutions and Agendas are on the Twp. website right now.

Mayor Keffer reiterated that this was not to be punitive but to just set a standard for Upper Darby Township. It will also give Mr. McSween can do trainings for the Code Enforcement Officers and Staff on the new Ordinance.

Clarification that the Ordinance is all about Property Maintenance with one chapter on Fire Inspections and one chapter on Rental Inspections.

TW stated that we should not be acting on this as we are in the middle of a national emergency and stated that this Ordinance should be tabled.

Council President Wentz: Clarified that Ordinance will be online for residents to look at.

DPB asked if these are all amendments to the Property Maintenance Code and stated that if this is word-for-word out of the Code, that would be considered plagiarism. We should be making reference to the Code and when we need to make amendments to sections of the Code, we write out a document with the amendments to a specific section.

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that were are adopting the 2015 Code which allows local amendments and there are Upper Darby provisions embedded within there.

CAO stated the Code is referenced specifically and adopted in its entirety with certain revisions and additions making it the Upper Darby Maintenance Code in effect. But, in terms of the copyright, it is referenced by name and we are adopting it.

Solicitor Kilkenny does not see a legal problem.

DPB disagrees.

This Ordinance will be introduced at the April 1, 2020 Special Meeting.

Resolution No. 18-20, for Land Development of Aronimink Elementary School

Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Resolution No. 18-20.

RG stated that he has concerns relating to the pathway from the bus loop.

DPB asked Solicitor Kilkenny about revisions to the land development and he wanted to know if there has been a response from the Planning Dept.

The CAO stated that the 2 previous reviews are still in force and any revisions didn't affect their previous review so they didn't think they needed to review the plans a 3rd time. He acknowledged the school district for their preparation for their presentation and introduced Mike Galante of MGE Associates, the firm that was used for the land development review letter.

Q: TW again stated that he is against this and stated that residents have told him that they are extremely concerned about the impact of traffic. He questioned the school district about the impending negative burden of traffic on the residents surrounding the residents.

A: Mr. Markham stated that they found that there will be no negative impact.

Q: BB asked about what was studied in the traffic study. He wanted to know if it was based on 2027 or 2021.

Answers;

Mr. Markam stated that they feel that their efforts were conservative and they believe that it will not be a burden as the number used was for 700 students and that was a very high estimate as they never intend to be over 600. Therefore, the traffic study is more than accurate.

Mr. Markam explained in detail how the traffic study was conducted and answered subsequent questions from Council members.

Dr. McGarry stated there will not be more than 600 Students in the School the plan is for 572 Students. With no more than 9 Upper Darby School Buses there at the same time.

Q: MB asked if you did a study on how many students will be walking to school? It doesn't seem like too many would be taking a bus from only 3 blocks away.

A: Mr. Markam Yes they used the data of those who would be walking in the study, we are improving cross walks, including bike racks and more.

Q: MS The Plan is to bring students back into the Twp. Can you Clarify?

A: Dr. McGarry stated that all of the data has been made public and that a demographer is on staff. The ultimate game plan is to get out of a lease in Glenolden where we are spending taxpayer dollars. The students at Senkow will swing back to the K-Center, which has a much better educational space. That savings will also help pay for further renovations. The students from the K-Center will swing over to Aronimink. Then we will be looking to build an elementary school in the 69th area.

Q: SS asked why the school isn't being built in the Cardington Field area.

A: Dr. McGarry stated that the 69th Street area is on a floodplain and feels that they were misled by the previous Administration about 69th Street being an opportunity to build a school. All of that information was posted on their website. The UDSD is now back to looking at Cardington Field. This was previously "knocked down" by the previous Administration and the public as a location and was not recommended for an elementary school. The UDSD is now looking at Cardington again for a potential site for a school.

HT stated that this is a land development opportunity for all of Upper Darby. The addition of a recreational gym is just an example of something that is much needed, because there are not enough gyms for all the sports in the Twp. to practice in at the moment. He discouraged the delay of a vote on this Resolution as we should be doing what is beneficial to all residents of the Township. After seeing the FEMA Report on the 69th St. being a Flood Zone, it confirmed what the residents see in the direct effect of the flood zone. The residents in the 6th & 7th Districts whose children go to Senkow feel disenfranchised with having to attend school far from the Twp. If their child gets sick, they have to find a way to get them, not all of the parents drive or speak English as a 1st language. It's time for fair equitable education in the Twp. Which is why we must move forward with this Resolution. As former President Kennedy said "If now us, who? If not now, when?"

DBP stated that his constituents are begging for an opportunity to meet with the school district regarding this land development as they were not aware of previous meetings. He also stated that the 69th Street Field absolutely does not flood and it is a viable opportunity. He stated that he asked previously if there were any waivers requested and was told there were not but has now found out that there are waivers. Also, he is concerned about the amount of buses that will be operating at Aronimink. Residents are very concerned about traffic flow. He stated a number of other concerns about the land development; i.e. the stacking area, the student drop-off area, the discrepancy of the number of buses and issues with stormwater management. He is also concerned with safety issues.

Ms. Friemuth stated that it has been stated many times that the school district is interested in building another school at 69th Street and that the school is needed regardless of whether the Aronimink expansion occurs.

With respect to Public Comment, the school district provided the presentation to the Township last week and the presentation was available on the Township website prior to that meeting as Mr. Bonnett knows and should have advised your constituents. The public also had the opportunity to submit comments and the school district responded to all of the comments following the meeting that they didn't have the opportunity to respond to during the meeting due to time limits. The school district sent email responses to every member of the public who requested comments at that meeting.

Regarding waivers, there were no waivers last week. A letter was received from NG Engineering Associates dated March 27th, 2020, which postdates last week's meeting. There were 3 waivers, one that isn't necessary, and the other 2 are being addressed.

Again, the issue of traffic has been addressed and explained multiple times and was approved by TPD and PennDOT.

Regarding double-stacking, the TPD letter states that based on the information provided by the school district, the proposed stacking length for the Aronimink School expansion would provide sufficient on-site stacking for the future school capacity if double stacking is utilized.

Ms. Friemuth further stated that these plans will provide a much safer environment during drop-off and pick-up.

Mr. Markam agrees with Ms. Friemuth added that there will be more area for parent drop-off than any other school in the district.

Mr. Salerno also agreed with Ms. Friemuth and Mr. Markam and further stated that this will be the gold standard as far as drop off and a dedicated bus loop. He questioned where people are getting the incorrect information on the number of school buses on any given day. He suggested that there would be no more than 8 buses at any given time. He added that there have been over 20 opportunities for the public to have input regarding this project. There has been no lack of transparency.

Mr. Kelly stated that after looking at the FEMA maps, the 69th Street area is in a floodplain and putting a building on the site is not recommended as there would be a lot of cost to build there. The Cardington area has been looked at for a compact school.

Mr. Galante reiterated that he spoke with Mr. Friese from Pennoni Associates regarding his comment letter and they didn't have any issues and also believes that all of the requirements have been met and it is more

administrative at this point.

Mr. Salerno stated that day care and transportation is a fact throughout the school district and the school district has no control over private day cares that are serving students in the school district. He states that they have confidence that this issue will be handled effectively.

TW thanked the school district representatives but stated that he sensed hostility. However, he stated that the constituents have a right to be very concerned about what will happen in their community. He wanted to confirm the numbers of students that will be involved.

Dr. McGarry replied that they are certainly not hostile. They are very excited about this project. He stated that TW was correct in that there would be approximately 600 students at Aronimink. He asked why would they increase the already high numbers at Hillcrest (over 700), Garrettford (over 500), Highland Park (almost 800), Bywood (almost 800), and Stonehurst (almost 500) when Aronimink only has 250? The game plan is to alleviate over-crowding. It's a community issue.

TW stated that his main concern is the traffic issue and is concerned with the traffic study that excluded 2 main intersections.

Mr. Markam stated that the Township engineer and PennDOT found the study to be acceptable.

MS stated that some of these arguments appear to be disingenuous. Why is there no problem with putting the school at Cardington or 69th Street where there are very busy streets as well? It appears that in some areas of the Township the standards differ greatly.

BB asked if we have testing that we cannot build on a floodplain? Also, was a historical stream found on the ground of Aronimink? He also questioned if this can be voted on tonight as there are no courts open for possible appeals. He also had concerns about the bus loop and the amount of buses.

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that we can legally vote on it as this is an advertised public meeting. Also, the PA Supreme Court and Delaware County of Common Pleas has stayed the statute of limitations until this crisis is over so someone could appeal this after the crisis is lifted.

Mr. Kelly stated that you can build on a floodplain but you shouldn't.

Dr. McGarry stated that there seems to be a continued rhetoric that people just don't want to hear. He stated that he never said that you can't build on a floodplain but that it wasn't advisable. The issue of the buses has been addressed.

Mr. Salerno stated that the bus loop was designed to be able to support 9 buses stacked at the same time even though that very rarely happens. There is extra space to accommodate additional buses.

BB asked for clarification on the historical stream at Aronimink.

Mr. Sheridan stated that there is no stream. The closest stream is Collenbrook.

Mr. Kelly stated that an analysis was done and the whole 69th Street area is considered a floodplain.

Council President Wentz stated that this meeting was to discuss the land development at Aronimink and not for discussion about 69th Street and that too much time has been spent with off-topic discussion. She asked for questions specific to the Aronimink land development as the goal is to follow Roberts Rules of Order.

Dr. McGarry commented that the sidewalk from Burmont Road to the faux entryway to the school is to promote walking on the campus. He explained the purpose of the entryway there.

Mr. Friese stated that part of the confusion on the buses is the design plans show an area for 9 buses expected. However, the bus loop can accommodate additional buses in that lane.

DPB challenged Roberts Rules of Order stating that he should be able to make the comments that he chooses and Council President Wentz stated that we need to stay on the topic of Aronimink. He also acknowledged that there were many meetings regarding this land development but the residents still have very viable concerns that should be addressed.

Council President Wentz stated that DPB was again repeating himself and if he continues, she will move the meeting forward.

DPB also stated that he wanted to correct something that was said regarding no parent drop-off presently. He stated that there absolutely is a parent drop-off. He further stated that double stacking would be absolutely necessary and that is a negative.

Dr. McGarry stated that the issue has been asked and answered multiple times and perhaps they should just agree to disagree with DPB's interpretation. He again reiterated that the school district has and will continue to work with the community.

RG feels that students should not have to cross in front of buses as this would be unsafe.

Dr. McGarry responded that the current one way in and one way out is definitely not an ideal situation and the new plan would greatly improve that.

DB commented that the Highland Park School is overcrowded and it doesn't seem fair to not be in favor of the Aronimink expansion.

TW asked where the Mayor is on this and if she and her Administration is supporting this.

Mayor Keffer stated that she is in support of the plan.

MB agreed with DB on the overcrowding of other schools in the district and that the expansion makes sense.

Mr. Salerno gave his comments regarding the positive impact of this land development.

Dr. McGarry agreed and further reiterated that we should no longer be leasing buildings outside of this school district which is very costly and that we should absolutely move forward with this development.

BB states that the addition at Aronimink does not stop the problem of overcrowding and walking to school in the school district. We still need to build schools in other places in the Township.

Dr. McGarry again reiterated that this is a multi-year, multi-step process that will alleviate the overcrowding problem. A very sound plan is in place.

Council President Wentz thanked the school district for their presentation.

Law and Government & Rules and Procedures Committee:

Michelle Billups, Chairwoman

Members: Danyelle Blackwell, Matt Silva

Council President Wentz gave a Resolution and an Ordinance to the Committee regarding social media. The Committee should meet to discuss it and then the items should be on the May Agenda.

Nothing for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting

Public Health and Environmental Affairs Committee:

Matt Silva, Chairman

Members: Michelle Billups, Sheikh M. Siddique, Hafiz Tunis Jr.

Ordinance No. 3073, an Ordinance of the Township of Upper Darby, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, repealing Ordinance No. 1912 in its entirety; repealing Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2673 in its entirety; and enacting new standards for the operation of food and drink establishments; repealing all inconsistent Ordinances or parts thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Ordinance No. 3073 and commented that it was largely modeled after Haverford's Ordinance.

This Ordinance will be introduced at the April 1, 2020 Special Meeting.

MS stated that the Committee was drafting a letter to be sent to various groups regarding the spread of COVID-19 and when the draft is completed, they will submit the letter to Council for review and approval.

COVID-19 Update

The CAO stated that the Mayor issued another Delco Alert to the residents with information about resources and also that the stay at home order is now for all 67 Counties in PA due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Mayor encouraged everyone to practice social distancing in the wake of this outbreak. All Township buildings remain closed to the public, including libraries, parks, the Senior centers, athletic fields, Courts, etc. It is crucial that people observe those closures.

He also stated that the Administration is working closely with the County and SEPTA on a daily basis regarding the issues of homelessness in the 69th Street area as that population would have nowhere to shelter in place. The CAO encourages residents to go to the Township website for updated information.

Mayor Keffer stated that the Township will continue with essential services and it is unknown how long it will be necessary to have virtual meetings but it is important to continue to conduct business. SS asked about the numbers of positive cases and/or deaths in Upper Darby.

Council President Wentz stated that there were 51 positive COVID-19 cases in the Township at this time.

Police Update

Acting Superintendent Timothy Bernhardt stated that the UDPD continues to answer calls but asks that any non-pertinent calls come to the direct police station phone number which is 610-734-7693. Police HQ is closed to the public but they are still addressing residents' concerns via intercom where police officers can answer questions at the front door. Officers are still patrolling and it is business as usual. The manpower is rotating to accommodate shifts and prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst the first responders. UDPD is working closely with county officials at the 9-1-1-center. The business ordered closed appear to be in compliance and people are social distancing.

LW thanked Superintendent Bernhardt for providing the Citizens Police Academy to Council members.

MB asked about how the police are protecting themselves from COVID-19.

Superintendent Bernhardt stated that the officers are provided with PPE's (gloves and masks). He also stated Head Quarters is being sanitized every day along with the police cars and that the officers, have their temperature taken at the beginning and end of every shift along with staff. They are also practicing social distancing.

MB asked about groups congregating and what can be done about it.

Superintendent Bernhardt stated that residents can call 610-734-7693 to report large groups congregating. He

also stated that people can remind other people about social distancing.

Leisure Services Committee:

Lisa Faraglia, Chairwoman

Members: Matt Silva, Danyelle Blackwell, Hafiz Tunis Jr.

DB stated that the Committee is going to take a look at some of the parks and give a report to Council.

RG asked if the basketball hoops were going to be removed.

Mayor Keffer stated that at this time, there is no plan to take them down but there is discussion about it.

Nothing for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting

Public Safety Committee:

Brian K. Burke, Chairman

Members: Danyelle Blackwell, Matt Silva

RG stated that the residents of Owen Avenue wanted to know the status of the 300 block of Owen Avenue regarding traffic calming issues.

The CAO stated that it is an ongoing discussion. There was talk about possible speed humps but this has all been slowed down with the onset of the COVID-19 crisis so it is in limbo at this time.

SS stated that lighting is needed in Cardington Field. He was advised to fill out the proper form and submit it to the Council office.

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Event Planning Committee:

Michelle Billups, Chairwoman

Members: Hafiz Tunis Jr., Danyelle Blackwell, Matt Silva

MB stated that the Committee met and discussed events that they hope will happen in the future such as Black History Month 2021, Women's History, a Job Fair and Holiday events in 2020.

The Mayor stated that the Listening Tour, the Shredding Event and some Clean-ups have been cancelled due to COVID-19 and will be re-scheduled for a future date.

HF stated that he has been in touch with Richard Blye regarding Juneteenth and has a scheduled telephone conference with him for further information.

Census:

Mayor Keffer stated that today is National Census Day and encouraged residents to fill their Census out.

Alison Dobbins stated that residents can fill out the Census online at www.my2020Census.gov. She further stated that the Township received grant money from DCED to support the Census outreach and hopes that Council will try to reach people about the important of filling out the Census. Ms. Dobbins stated that for every person who is not counted costs the Township, State and County \$2000 per person/per year, so failing to be counted this year in the Census results in a \$20,000 loss in Federal funding.

Nothing for the April 15, 2020 Council Meeting

Old Business:

SS asked if the Township would be offering any financial help to residents of Upper Darby?

Mayor Keffer stated that the discount period for Municipal taxes has been extended to the end of April but the Township has no control over residents' mortgages.

The CAO stated that any relief money would come from the Federal Government and would filter down through the State and County and the Township may or may not have a role in administering those funds. There is a small business loan program so that they can take out no interest loans to help make ends meet during the crisis and the Township has made efforts to publicize the applications for that.

New Business:

None

Adjournment at 11:41 p.m.