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Public Safety Committee

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2021

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Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

Moment of Silence

Opening of Meeting

Roll Call

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

Rules for Meeting Decorum

“Upper Darby Township Council and Residents will maintain professional respect for each other. Council encourages free speech, however, civility is required which would prohibit threats, profanity, scandalous, impertinent and redundant comment or any comment the discernible purpose of which is to disrupt or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting”

Superintendent of Police, Timothy Bernhardt

Superintendent Bernhardt thanked the Mayor, Administration and Council for their continued support of the Police Department.

Updates within the past years:

- All new Taser Model 7: great de-escalating tool with state of the art technology
- Replaced all of the service weapons: more efficient & cost savings on ammunition
- New Police vehicles
- Body cameras: hopefully implemented by year's end
- 19 officers hired: most diverse group ever hired. Two more will be added by August.
- Working with the Mayor, a Victim Advocate was hired: partnership with Delaware County Victim's Assistance Center. Another possibly added in 2022
- Partnered with Domestic Abuse Project
- Working with Councilwoman Billups: met with Community Outreach Resource to help UDPD assist victims of violence with free, non-profit support group and a licensed and experienced therapist
- Rudy's Tavern: investigation still ongoing and 3 arrests made

Public Forum

Kyle McIntyre, 1040 Drexel Avenue, LGBTQ Festival, conversion therapy, homeless people, sanitation issues
Dolores Lombardi, 29 S. Kirklyn Ave, in favor of Ord 3100
Gerald Harrison, 29 S. Kirklyn Ave, trash at bus stop on S. Brighton Ave, vaccination rates in UD
Brian Taylor, 7258 Lamport Rd, requests that POW flag is flown, homeless population
Kenard Gavin, 524 Alexander Ave, Chester incinerator concerns, Covanta contract, Zero Waste Resolution
Elijah Neal, 1119 Cobbs Street, homeless population in 69th St. corridor

The Honorable Mayor Barbarann Keffer

July 7, 2021

Good evening, I have a couple of updates...

I hope everyone enjoyed the Independence Day holiday weekend, including the fireworks display at Upper Darby High School on Friday night. This display was professionally coordinated, and the two large “fireballs” explosions that appeared at the end of the display were intentionally planned and were set off under strict supervision. Thanks to the team at Celebration Fireworks for doing an excellent job and for ensuring that everything went smoothly and according to plan and to our guest DJ who did a fantastic job.

While the overall number of positive COVID-19 cases in our area is continuing to decline, the number of unvaccinated people who have been contracting the Delta variant of the virus is rising across the country. It is in everyone’s best interest to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. To find a vaccination site near you, please call 484-276-2100 or visit www.delcopa.gov/vax.

A reminder about weekly yard waste collection in Upper Darby: Yard waste is defined as leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings and similar material. Please note that grass clippings are NOT considered yard waste. Please do not use plastic bags to recycle yard waste or single-stream recycling; instead, place your yard waste in biodegradable paper bags, which are available at local hardware stores, or place the yard waste loosely in trash cans without bags. Yard waste is collected on your regular recycling pick-up day, not on trash pick-up days.

The goats from Amazing Grazing are slated to return to Gillespie Park on Saturday, July 17th, to remove the invasive growth from the park’s landscape. Be sure to follow Upper Darby Government on social media so you don’t miss them! You can find us on Facebook and LinkedIn at “upperdarby” and on Instagram and Twitter at “upperdarbypa”.

Upper Darby Summer Stage began their season today with “The Wizard of Oz.” I am pleased that we are able to offer live and in-person performances this year, and I am grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to make this possible. If you would like to purchase tickets or see what other productions Summer Stage has coming up, please visit www.udpac.org.

Next Friday, July 16th, is Park and Recreation Professionals Day. Tonight, I am pleased to issue a proclamation in honor of all the professionals, especially in Upper Darby, Delaware County, and Pennsylvania, who help make our parks and recreation activities possible.

Mayor Keffer read the Proclamation for Parks and Recreation Professionals Day

***See attached**

Thank you and have a great evening.

President of Council, Laura A. Wentz

Thanked those who attended the UD Pride Festival. Thanked Drexel Park Community Group for their parade/community event. Thanked the Marine Post who honored those who served

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Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Resolution No. 32-21

This Resolution will be voted on at the July 21, 2021 Council Meeting

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Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Ordinance No. 3099

Fire Chief Derrick Sawyer gave more information about the benefits of adopting this Ordinance.

DPB expressed concerns about interference with the UCC.

TW asked about regulating fire pits that cause smoke from burning debris instead of wood. Chief Sawyer stated that propane fire pits are a cleaner burn as are wood logs.

LW thanked Chief Sawyer for meeting with the Public Safety Committee

Motion to introduce and advertise Ordinance No. 3099: DB/MB A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion to introduce and advertise is approved.

Public Safety Committee

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Members: Hafiz Tunis Jr., Matt Silva

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Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Ordinance No. 3100.

RG asked about the section referring to the Bond and Solicitor Kilkenny stated that he believes that the Bond should indemnify the Township and make sure it protects the Township. He will work with the Administration on this matter.

Fire Chief Derrick Sawyer stated that this Ordinance will be beneficial to the UDFD by regulating fireworks, thereby protecting residents.

Motion to introduce and advertise Ordinance No. 3100: DB/RG A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion to introduce and advertise is approved.

Additional Committee business:

BB stated that the Public Safety Committee met and they are asking that the Township look at the necessary painting around the schools and parks for safety issues when school starts up again. He also requested repaving where necessary.

HT thanked DB, BB, LW and Chief Sawyer for walking through the Chapman neighborhood and addressing concern.

MS requested crosswalks at each park for safety issues.

The Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to visit another school.

CAO stated that the Mayor has started a “focus zone program” in neighborhoods where pertinent issues will be addressed, such as faded crosswalks, bleached out stop signs. The goal is to have a routine maintenance schedule where such issues can be addressed.

MS asked if there are any rules about putting stop signs where there are crosswalks. The CAO stated that vehicles must yield to pedestrians so perhaps flashing signs would be more beneficial.

RG stated that he has a petition to make a 2-way stop sign into a 4-way stop sign on Llanfair Road and when he has enough signatures, he will submit it for review.

MB stated that a resident reached out about a lack of lighting on Church Lane. The CAO stated that a request should be submitted to the Mayor’s Request line and the Electrical Department will assess the lighting issue

RG asked about an update for Beverly Hill Middle School flashing signs.

Finance and Appropriations Committee

Co-Chairs: Robert S. Gwin Jr. & Matt Silva

Members: Danyelle Blackwell, Brian Burke

Nothing for the June 21, 2021 Council Meeting

Public Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

Co-Chairs: Hafiz Tunis Jr. & Matt Silva

Members: Michelle Billups, Sheikh M. Siddique

Nothing for the June 21, 2021 Council Meeting

Planning, Zoning and Building Code Committee

Co-Chairs: Robert S. Gwin Jr., & Michelle Billups

Members: Donald P. Bonnett, Hafiz Tunis Jr.

HT requests a meeting of the committee to discuss various zoning issues

SS requests that the zoning process becomes easier for residents to open a business

Municipal Services, Licensing and Public Works Committee

Co-Chairs: Sheikh M. Siddique & Hafiz Tunis Jr.

Members: Thomas P. Wagner, Brian K. Burke

Nothing for the June 21, 2021 Council Meeting

Leisure Services Committee

Co-Chairs: Hafiz Tunis Jr. & Matt Silva

Members: Lisa Faraglia, Danyelle Blackwell

SS requests that parks should be open to gatherings. MS stated that the risk of COVID is still an issue. The CAO stated that the Township is issuing permits but residents are encouraged to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Event Planning Committee

Co-Chairs: Michelle Billups & Danyelle Blackwell

Members: Hafiz Tunis Jr., Matt Silva

LW thanked the Event Planning Committee for helping at the table at Movie night at Arlington Cemetery and at the Pride Festival. She added that many flyers have been handed out regarding Township discounted activities.

MB added that there will be an upcoming job fair in October.

Solicitor

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that they have been working with committees on Zoning changes regarding hookah lounges. They also worked on both of the Ordinances presented tonight and many RTK requests.

Old Business

LF asked if the email issue with Council email has been fixed.

New Business

HT stated that this Saturday at Barclay Square Shopping Center there will be a food festival and from 12-5 at the 2nd ward playground, there will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament

TW stated that we should answer the resident who spoke at the public forum about the POW flag

There will be a vaccination clinic at the Islamic Center on July 18 from 10-12 for 4 Sundays.

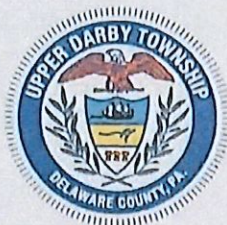
Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.: HT/MB

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Cicchitti

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Chief Municipal Clerk

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Parks and Recreation Professionals Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals promote physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness through both organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals support the economic vitality of communities by providing frontline jobs and promotion of community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals foster social cohesiveness and communities by celebrating diversity, providing spaces to gather together peacefully, modeling compassion, promoting social equity, connecting social networks, and ensuring all people have access to its benefits; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals support human development and endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual, and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals strengthen community identity by providing facilities and services that reflect and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics, and landscape; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals help sustain and steward our natural resources by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of park areas; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby supports the skilled work of parks and recreation professionals, especially those who serve in our Township and throughout Delaware County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to strengthen community cohesion and resilience, to connect people with nature and each other, and to provide opportunities for healthful living and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby values the essential services that park and recreation professionals and volunteers perform to provide recreational and development enrichment for our children, youth, adults, and seniors, and to ensure that our parks and recreational facilities are clean, safe, and ready to use. We are also grateful for our partnership with the YMCA of Eastern Delaware County, which allowed us to offer recreational activities for children this summer.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Barbarann Keffer, Mayor of Upper Darby Township, do hereby proclaim July 17, 2021 as

Parks and Recreation Professionals Day

in Upper Darby and encourage the entire community to recognize and participate in its observance.

Barbarann Keffer, Mayor
Upper Darby Township
Delaware County, Pennsylvania