



UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES & INSPECTIONS

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UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Attendance

Planning Commission Members Present:

- Debbie Nifong
- James Mullen
- Jeffrey Roken

Planning Commission Members Absent:

- Cassandra

Township Staff Present:

- Joshua Chast, Asst. Director of L&I for Planning & Zoning
- Mike Galante, Township Engineer
- Courtney Mullan, Asst. Planner

Minutes

- A motion was made by Jeffrey Roken to approve the March's Planning Commission Minutes. James Mullen Seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

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1) Land Development- Drexel Hill Gardens Project (Naylor's Run Stream Bank and Flood Mitigation)

Mike started by stating that this project is related to an ARPA Fund Ordinance to combat flood mitigation and stream bank stabilization along Naylor's Run Stream. The project has been designed and is in the permitting process with Upper Darby Township and the State to get approval for a floodplain permit and NPDS Permit is also required and is in the second round of comments.

Mike stated that the project is in the next stage, which is issuing it for bid, finalizing specifications and working on attaining approvals to put it out for bid internally within Upper Darby Township. He spoke about the parks existing conditions, what is in the site area and how the entire project is located within the floodplain with a small portion of the site being situated within the floodway.

Mike spoke about the ultimate goal of this project, which is to reduce the amount of storm water runoff that is tributary to the culvert on 69th street and protect the homes and businesses located around it from devastating flooding. Jeff asked whether Mike Galante could monitor how much flow they are reducing on the Marshall Road Culvert. Mike replied that he is currently working on a model that will show how much the Township will need to



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reduce in order to get it to capacity. James Mullen asked when the project first started and when is it projected to be finished.

Mike Replied that the project was introduced back in July 2023 through ARPA Funding and is projected to start construction in July 2024, with completion expected by the end of 2024. Mike explained to James that the site would incorporate storm water management and recreation through the removal of the baseball field on the right hand side of the plan, replacing it will be a large-scale storm water basin that will control the 16 acres of flow up stream. The baseball field will be removed and reconstructed with a walking path constructed around both the field and storm water basin. Additionally, a basketball court and outdoor pavilion will be added to the project. Finally, the existing parking lot will be reconstructed and made more narrow, there will be additional-parking stalls and the access route to get into the park will be made wider to allow for two cars. James asked Mike if the trees behind the car park be disturbed, Mike replied that “no they would not be touched in the construction process.”

Joshua Chast stated that there is additional bridge funding that township will be applying for along the site area. Mike Galante started by saying they have not yet received the grant yet, but they have applied for an LSA Grant which is a local share account. He said there are four pedestrian bridges the township would like to upgrade, one being included within this site plan that would allow for a good trail connection to other areas in the township.

Debbie made a comment on how she likes the idea of the storm water basin area will blend in with the natural surroundings of the park, Mike agreed and said that the trail around it will make for a passive recreation feature for the public. James asked what type of fencing would be integrated in the project; Mike replied that it would be a three rail fence similar to what is existing at the Stone Hurst Recreation Area.

a) **Public Comment**

- i) Debbie Nifong asked for public comments. No public comment was given.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

No new business to discuss.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Nifong. The motion was seconded by Jeff Roken. Unanimous approval.