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TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: KURT M. FERGUSON, TOWNSHIP MANAGER
RE: MANAGER'S REPORT

School District MOU

I have had discussions with the school district regarding the pool MOU. I do have a schedule for the UDAC use of the pool, which has been presented to UDAC and I'm told is consistent with the hours offered in the 2022-2023 school year.

Those hours to access the pool are as follows:

Monday-Friday – 6:00 A.M. – 7:30 P.M and 5:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Saturday – 6:00 A.M. – Noon

I believe the primary difference is that 5:30 – 9:00 P.M. time frame. Previously (I believe) they were provided 2:30 -5:00 and shared those hours with water polo. According to the school water polo now has 40+ participants and sharing the pool during the 2:30-5:00 slot isn't possible and is why the 5:30-9:00 slot has been provided

We also discussed the public swim (whether that be laps or a broader open swim). It seems to have two (2) challenges. The first is getting lifeguards. The Township has experienced this issue with our own pool and lifeguard availability has been well documented across the entire Commonwealth. It would also be for very limited hours, which adds to the challenge. If a lifeguard was hired, the pool being opened would be subject to that person showing up as scheduled. The second challenge is when laps or an open swim would occur. Currently the pool is being scheduled from 6 A.M. – 9 P.M. Monday through Friday and then on Saturday until noon.

I am willing to continue to have discussions, however it doesn't seem that there is much slack with what we currently have.

530 Virginia Avenue

530 Virginia will be on our October agenda to present and consider sending to the Planning Commission.

Township Building Timeline

The NPDES permit has been issued by the Conservation District. The staff has pursued this approval aggressively and the district honored our request for an expedited process. This typically will take 9 months and it was accomplished in about 4-5 months.

Agenda Items

Craig-Y-Nos discussion

You were sent the notice that went out to the Craig-Y-Nos property owners. DEP is requiring the Township to have another public comment period for 30 days. That ad appeared on September 1st. There is a Craig-Y-Nos discussion item. There are a few things to report:

The bid will include the private portions of the project (laterals and grinder pumps). This will allow us to wrap up the entire project and satisfy DEP's requirements. If dozens of individual property owners had to get their own plumbers, quotes, etc. within the 2-year time frame we have, it would likely put completion in jeopardy. I also don't want private property owners to be under enforcement from DEP.

I would see the bid having several components.

The infrastructure would be equally divided among all property owners. If the bid was \$1,050,000 and we had 50 property owners, each property would be assigned \$21,000.

The laterals and grinder pumps would have more specific pricing. If we get quotes by linear foot for laterals, we would attach specific dollars amounts to each property based upon the length of their lateral. The grinder pumps would be a flat charge to everyone.

For vacant parcels (yet to be finalized in number), the only charge for now would be \$21,000. If they ever received approval to bid, they would need to have their own lateral built and acquire a grinder pump at that time.

We also have 2 action items for Craig-Y-Nos. The first is to apply for a \$500,000 grant and the second is to consider applying ARPA funds (Rescue Plan money) to pay for engineering costs associated with the project. The Township previously approved Carroll Engineering with a cost of \$160,000. The Township will still have about \$500,000 left in our ARPA fund.

Resolution to approve an Eruv District

Orthodox Jewish Law forbids the act of "carrying" on the Sabbath, as well as on Yom Kippur, except when carrying within an enclosed area recognized by such Law, and for the purposes of other Jewish Holy Days.

To create an "Eruv" means to create by legal fiction an enclosure in which members of the Orthodox Jewish faith may carry, roll strollers, etc.

Eruvs have been used for more than 2,000 years to overcome the prohibition of carrying, such as now exists upon the public roads, sidewalks and rights-of-ways.

Lubavitch of Montgomery County, Chabad Jewish Education Center and the Jewish community of Upper Dublin seek to create an Eruv upon the public roads, sidewalks and rights-of-ways of Upper Dublin within the immediate area of the synagogue and The Eruv district which would include: Meetinghouse Rd., intersecting with Limekiln Pike, intersecting with Broad St, to the intersection of Susquehanna Rd. and then to Pinetown Rd. to Highland Ave. to Fort Washington Ave. to Lock Alsh Rd. Then along the 309 up to E. Butler Pike to Meetinghouse Rd.

Our Solicitor has crafted several of these for other municipalities, and we are presenting a similar resolution to the BOC.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
August 2023

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Call with resident.

Meeting with township staff and consultants to discuss the Twining Road Park Project.

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Call with resident.

Meeting with staff and consultant to discuss the Willow Manor pre-site visit.

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Attended Progress Meeting for the Delaware Drive – Middle Section project with township staff, Boles Smyth Associates, consultants, contractors, North Wales Water Authority, Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority, and PECO.

Attended a meeting with staff and solicitor to discuss ward census data.

Friday, August 4, 2023

Attended Land Use Meeting with township staff.

Meeting with D'Huy Engineering to discuss presentation ahead of Stated Meeting.

Monday, August 7, 2023

Attended the Mid-Year UDCEF Board of Directors meeting.

Met with township staff, police, and consultants to discuss Audio/Visual in the New Township Building.

Attended a fence site visit at the Promenade with township staff.

Met with township staff, police, and consultants to discuss cameras and door access in the New Township Building.

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Attended the Public Works Renovation – Phase II bi-weekly meeting with township staff and consultants.

Discussed flood retarding structure cameras with township staff.

Attended the Board of Commissioners' Stated Meeting.

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Attended a staff meeting.

Attended a meeting with township staff to discuss the 1301 Virginia Drive sinkhole.

Attended a meeting to discuss the TASA Grant Pre-Application for the Upper Dublin Sidewalk to School Program.

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Attended the Wissahickon Management Committee meeting with surrounding townships.

Attended the Michael Baker & UDT Kick-Off Meeting with the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Attended a meeting with township staff and consultant to discuss DEP Re-advertisement for Craig-Y-Nos.

Met with township staff and consultants to discuss board room, conference room, and multipurpose rooms in the New Township Building.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Attended a Craig-Y-Nos discussion with township staff and solicitors.

Attended a Craig-Y-Nos Zoning discussion with township staff and solicitors.

Met with township staff and consultants to discuss water connection in the New Township Building.

Met with township staff and consultants to discuss camera procurement and general budget in the New Township Building.

Thursday, August 17 through Friday, August 18

Kurt out of office.

Monday, August 21, 2023

Call with resident.

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Met with Actuary and Finance Director.

Attended the Public Works Renovation – Phase II bi-weekly meeting with township staff and consultants.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Met with resident.

Attended a Temple Sinai meeting with Chief Wheatley and Fire Marshal Tim Schuck.

Friday, August 25, 2023

Attended a Land Use meeting with township staff.

Attended a Municipal Authority Pre-Meeting discussion with township staff.

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Attended a Twining Valley Clubhouse & North Hills Community Center discussion with township staff.

Met with township staff and consultants to discuss camera procurement in the New Township Building.

Attended a pension discussion meeting with township staff.

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Attended a Hurricane Ida Relief Fund (HIRF) Round 3 / Group 4 application review meeting.

Attended a Washington Manor trail site visit with township staff and solicitor.

Met with township staff and consultants to discuss board room, conference room, and multipurpose rooms in the New Township Building.

Attended an Upper Dublin School District & UDT Natatorium MOU discussion with township and school district staff.

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Attended Progress Meeting for the Delaware Drive – Middle Section project with township staff, Boles Smyth Associates, consultants, contractors, North Wales Water Authority, Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority, and PECO.

Attended the New Township Building Administration/Police Building discussion with township staff and consultants.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt M. Ferguson
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