

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, January 16, 2020
Hosted by Halifax Township

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Chris Dietz. The following persons were in attendance:

Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Deb Goudy	Elizabethville Borough
Denise Spickler	Elizabethville Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Deb Everly	TCRP, & Jefferson Township
Wendy Wentzel	Halifax Township
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Glenn Stonerod	Washington Township
Tiffany Price	PA Senate Staff
Matt Osenbach	PA Senate Staff
Joe Marssicano	PA Senate Staff
John Fulponi	Senator DiSanto's Office

There were five municipalities represented, seven are needed for a quorum. No votes were taken to accept previous Minutes or the Treasurers report. The 2020 Election of COG Officers will also be postponed until next month.

CORRESPONDENCE

- TCRP asked for input into proposed development plans and uses for Detweiler Park (park is located near the Conservation District building)
- There have been new reports that Maryland is looking into suing Pennsylvania over its failure to meet DEP water quality standards for the Susquehanna.
- Local Municipalities may ban gambling "games of skill" by ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – TCRP is looking for the municipalities to file building activity reports.

There was a short general discussion about enforcing stormwater regulations. It was mentioned that Halifax has been enforcing the regulations, but has gotten a lot of negative comments from developers. Alan Loesch commented that there had been a lot of confusion and complaints about the new fireworks legislation.

GUEST SPEAKERS - The Senate staff and John Fulponi gave a presentation about grant writing and available municipal grants. Senator DiSanto's office also provided copies of the PA Municipal Leaders Grant and Resources Guide. If any of our local municipalities are applying for a grant, contact John Fulponi, as he would be glad to help with our local grant proposals.

OLD BUSINESS – We contacted Keith Kepler at the County about when the new recycling bins are going to show up. He said that they will be coming soon and that the trucks will be refitted to work with the new bins.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – There was a discussion about changing the annual number of monthly COG meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be at Washington Township.

ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.