



Upper Uwchlan Township  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP**

March 8, 2011

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Cathy Tomlinson, Chair

Kevin Kerr, Vice-Chair

Guy Donatelli, Supervisor

Cary Vargo, Township Manager

Cheryl Neri, Assistant Treasurer

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator

Chief DeMarco, Police Chief

Dave Leh, Gilmore & Associates

Mrs. Tomlinson called the workshop to order at 4:02 p.m.

#### **Fellowship Fields Synthetic Turf Project**

Dan Driscoll (of AstroTurf) presented information proposing an offer of a used synthetic turf field (@ 70,000 SF) for purchase and installation at Fellowship Fields. This field is currently installed at a local school and is being replaced under warranty due to a small defect on @ 10% of the field. Marsh Creek Eagles football is willing to purchase the field (\$120K) including permitting and engineering fees and have it installed, in conjunction with Grand Sport Auto (\$150K), who requests scoreboard advertising rights in exchange. The cost(s) to the Township would be future maintenance and eventual replacement, but synthetic field maintenance is only @ 50% of a typical grass field. The warranty would remain in effect. Maintenance involves a 90-minute grooming (using a brush attachment on a Gator or tractor) once per month during the spring and fall seasons. Replacement costs can be spread over its 12-year life span and averages \$4.00/SF. If the Board approves the project, the field could be available mid-April for storage or installation, and AstroTurf could install early June.

The Board expressed a few concerns and will investigate several items before accepting this proposal: what was spent installing the existing grass field; verification of maintenance required and the associated costs; check the references AstroTurf provided; would need to protect with fencing; would need to draft an Agreement for this specific field's use/regulations. This will not affect the P.A. system or lighting regulations established for Fellowship Fields, which are: no P.A. system, and no field lighting after 9:30 p.m. If the proposal is accepted, Guy Donatelli offered to donate his 2011 stipend toward field fencing.

#### **Disposition of Township Personal Property**

Guy Donatelli moved, seconded by Kevin Kerr, to approve Resolution # 02-08-11-04 which authorizes Township staff to properly dispose of several pieces of office equipment that are being upgraded/replaced in accordance with Second Class Township Code regulations. So moved.

#### **Township Manager's Report**

Cary Vargo summarized the status of several projects: a bid has been advertised to install protective floor coating for the new public works facility; the Park Road pedestrian bridge project is moving along; the Township and Municipal Authority 2010 audits have been completed and are in

the review process; the Township is seeking limited access to our utility billing accounts with Berkheimer in order to process account status inquiries in a more timely manner; earned income tax collections are slightly behind schedule and are being closely monitored.

Cary Vargo reported T-Mobile has made an inquiry regarding leasing property for cell tower placement to improve coverage to the northern section of Upper Uwchlan, and beyond. The Board authorized continued conversation.

**Open Session**

No comments were offered.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Cathy Tomlinson adjourned the Workshop at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Jonik,  
Township Secretary