

Council Committee Meeting Minutes
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
March 4, 2026 7:00 pm

****The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on youtube.com/upperdarby.org****

President Minick opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Present: Michelle Billups (MB), Marion Minick (MM), Noah Fields (NF), Jonathan McMahon (JM), Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone (MDB), Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell), Myron McNeely (Mmcneely), David Bantoe (DB), Kyle McIntyre (KM), and Brian O'Neill (BO).

Excused: Syama Disa (SD)

Also present: The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall O. Jones, Solicitors Clarke and Youngblood, Chief Municipal Clerk Kate Doggett, and UDT police officers.

President Minick reported that an informational Executive Session was held before the Committee Meeting. There were no deliberations or votes taken.

Rules for Meeting Decorum

Upper Darby residents and concerned persons have the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes. All speakers are prohibited from making threats, using profanity, or acting in a manner that would impede or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting. Any person who attends the meeting and makes remarks, disrupts or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting after receiving a verbal warning may be required to leave the meeting at the discretion of the Council President. Public Forum should not exceed 30 minutes. If a speaker chooses to ask questions, they are voluntarily giving up their time for a response. This means that the 3-minute timer will continue to run no matter who is speaking. The timer will be clearly displayed on the screen.

Public Forum

TJ DeLuca, a UDTJ board member, shared information on current and upcoming UDTJ events, all of which are available to view on their website.

John DeMasi spoke about remarks Mayor Brown made at a previous meeting.

Becky Duggan thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their efforts during the recent storm. She inquired about the tablets on the dais, the Treasurer's Report, and the status of the Comprehensive Plan.

Judy Duggan spoke about trash pickup on the 500 block of Snowden Road, asked about the Comprehensive Plan, and the Treasurer's Report.

Connie Komm discussed a political party, its policies, and practices.

Joanne Nammavong thanked the administration and police for their efforts during the recent storm and requested assistance in facilitating repairs to certain state roads. She addressed Mayor Brown regarding remarks made at a previous meeting.

David Dryden opined on the Council's role and competency. He asked about the status of road repairs from Aqua money and spoke about a Treasurer's report.

Steve Komm commended the Council for their legislation on ICE and discussed a political party, its policies, and practices.

Stacey Hawley opposed allowing "concerned" persons to speak during the Public Forum. She also commented that she was unaware that the parking meters require payment until 9:00 p.m. and stated she looks forward to the Planning Commission report.

Sharell Wilson spoke about various programs hosted by Fruits to the Family Table and requested that associated fees for their events held in the township be waived. She discussed the help she received from Councilor Blackwell.

Olivia Taylor discussed traffic and parking issues she encounters in the township and inquired about the 7th District council member.

Spiro Pappas commented on the Township Facebook page, commended the Streets Department for its work, and requested enforcement of the snow removal ordinance. He also suggested paving alleys, creating a monthly calendar, and installing a basketball court in Bond Park.

Peggy Kowalski, member of the Environmental Advisory Committee, announced various upcoming events.

Lee Jordan asked when grant applications would be available through the Small Business Empowerment Hub and requested that meeting information be shared with residents earlier. She asked for clarity on the Public Comment policy.

Terri McGrath inquired about the status of the proposed car wash and Mozino tract development. She also asked for periodic updates on these proposals.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to Approve the February 18, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.

All in favor

Motion passes

2025 Upper Darby Township Planning Commission Annual Report

Joshua Chast provided information to the Council about the activities of the Upper Darby Planning Commission as required by section 207(a) of the Municipalities Planning Code. The presentation included information on four land developments at 50 S. Oak Avenue (Commercial - Secane Self Storage), 223 S. 69th Street (Mixed Use), 600 Garrett Road (Mixed Use), and 8520 Monroe Avenue (Residential). Information was also provided on non-land development initiatives.

MB asked how much money Upper Darby Township will receive from the proposed land developments.

Dblackwell discussed the various zoning issues reviewed for the property at 8520 Monroe Avenue.

NF inquired about the status of the proposed Secane Self Storage development.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Chast and Lee Jordan for their work on the Planning Commission.

Presentation on the Vision Zero Delco Plan

Kathy Spahr of the Delaware County Planning Department presented information on the Vision Zero Delco plan, an approach to eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injury crashes.

Dblackwell asked how the most unsafe roads can be identified and what information will be provided on the website.

MB asked for the website address.

KM thanked Ms. Spahr for the presentation.

Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Spahr and asked if other Delaware County municipalities have implemented or are pursuing this program.

Resolution No. 8-26: Establishing Upper Darby Township Support for Vision Zero and Vision Zero Delco

Motion by NF, seconded by Dblackwell

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 8-26

All in favor

Motion passes

The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown

Mayor Brown introduced Amrinder Singh, Director of Licenses and Inspections, who provided an update on technology and operational improvements within his department. A full printed 2025 annual report, which exceeds 100 pages, was also provided to Mayor Brown, CAO Jones, and the Council. He also discussed plans to advance several key initiatives in 2026.

KM expressed appreciation to Mr. Singh for his presentation and printed report and asked for a timeline for the "Know your Code" program.

MDB asked how the "everyday" citizen can be informed of the enhancements he is making.

MB inquired how the Council can help to get the message out to the residents about these improvements.

DB said he hoped Mr. Singh could host meetings or town halls to help clarify and organize information for residents.

Dblackwell asked whether inspections are proactive or complaint-driven and how vulnerable residents will be protected.

Mayor Brown commended Mr. Singh for his expertise and hard work.

Mayor Brown reported that the proposed closure of State Road for the Aqua-Pennsylvania Utility Improvement Project has been moved to 2027. He commended CAO Jones and School Superintendent Dr. McGarry for their advocacy efforts to allow for proper planning and minimize disruption. He reported on a meeting between ICE officials and Superintendent Bernhardt and noted that agreements were reached that led to a positive outcome. He reported that two personnel matters, the Director of Finance and Assistant Fire Chief positions, are still being worked on and spoke about the opening of the Upper Darby Township Small Business Empowerment Hub. He attended the Black History Trivia event coordinated by the Upper Darby Community Policing Center staff and read to school students for the Read Across America Week. He addressed residents' concerns about trash pickup and about his comments from a previous meeting.

President of Council, Marion Minick

Presentation by Dr. Shirlana Dash of SELF, Inc. on homeless services.

Councilman Myron McNeely introduced Dr. Shirlana Dash, CEO of SELF, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization providing emergency housing in Philadelphia. Dr. Dash shared information about the organization's services and resources and expressed interest in partnering with the community and the County.

Dblackwell said she is familiar with the organization and thanked Dr. Dash.

MB said she collaborates with SELF, Inc. in her capacity as a Social Worker and asked whether Dr. Dash has spoken with the County Council about partnering with the County.

Mayor Brown spoke about the unhoused in the township and inquired about Dr. Dash's current partnerships with the County.

Chief Administrative Officer, Crandall O. Jones

Resolution 7-26: Authorize an application to the County Council of Delaware County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds to be used in the improvement of resurfacing various streets throughout the Township.

CAO Jones introduced Resolution 7-26, stating that this year's allocation is \$66,204.

Motion by MB, seconded by KM

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 7-26

All in favor

Motion passes

Resolution No. 9-26: Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation and Community Development Initiative FY2027 Pennsylvania Grant Program.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by DB

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 9-26

All in favor

Motion passes

Solicitor

No report

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

KM discussed the World Cup, which starts June 14th. A community engagement process is underway to design an Upper Darby flag to be raised at the first game. All residents are invited to submit designs, and more details will follow. He announced that the Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting will be held on 3/5/26 to discuss future ICE procedures and issues related to emergency declarations and communications.

MDB reported on the Public Health and Environmental Affairs Committee's first meeting on 2/19 and stated that the areas of potential focus moving forward are a plastics reduction ordinance, shade tree commission efforts, and Earth Day programming. The committee will be partnering with Delaware County for a lead paint poisoning prevention presentation.

Mmcneely reported that there will be a free food giveaway event at Michelle Park on 3/28 beginning at 12:00 noon. The event is hosted by Councilmen Myron McNeely, Marion Minick, Noah Fields, Kyle McIntyre, and Councilwoman Michelle Billups in partnership with Upper Darby Professional Firefighters.

Dblackwell announced several 4th District events taking place in April to include a Community meet and greet with Judge Benjamin Johns on 4/8/2026 at 7:00; a free smoke detector distribution on 4/11/2026 at the Highland Park Elementary School; a tentative Teen Palooza event on 4/18/2026 at the Upper Darby High School, an Earth Day and clean up kick-off on 4/25/2026 at Observatory Park; and, a tentative Meet the Candidates event on 5/2/2026.

MB announced that the Community Engagement Committee held its first meeting and that the next one is scheduled for the 10th. She spoke about Black History Month and commended the participants in the poetry contest. She reported that March is Women's History Month and Social Worker Month.

Motion by Mmcneely, seconded by DB

Motion to Adjourn

All in favor

Motion passes

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Doggett". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Catherine Doggett

Chief Municipal Clerk