

Council Meeting Minutes  
Upper Darby Township  
100 Garrett Road  
Upper Darby, PA 19082  
March 18, 2026 7:00 pm

**\*\*The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on [youtube.com/upperdarby.org](https://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), Syama Disa (SD) via Zoom, Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell), Myron McNeely (Mmcneely), David Bantoe (DB), Kyle McIntyre (KM), and Brian O’Neill (BO). Also present: The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown via Zoom, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall O. Jones, Solicitor Clarke, Chief Municipal Clerk Kate Doggett, and UDT police officers.

**Public Forum**

Jeannie Moberly cited Dr. Claudio Cerullo’s work on bullying prevention, and she linked fear to the use of security devices.

Bob Yantorno thanked Vice-President Fields for speaking with residents before the meeting and clarified that police officers will receive grant funding.

Becky Duggan asked whether a council member may approve minutes if not present at that meeting. She commented on upcoming taxes and St. John’s basketball.

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

Lee Jordan asked for a moment of silence for fallen Pennsylvania State Police Corporal Timothy O’Connor. She invited the administration and the council to the annual meeting of the Pilgrim Gardens Aronimink Civic Association on April 27, 2026, at Collenbrook Church. She commented on the Finance & Appropriations Meeting held on 3/9/26 and asked about any progress on MOUs with Darby and East Lansdowne.

Olivia Taylor expressed appreciation for President Minick and Vice-President Fields and discussed meeting decorum and the right to speak.

Joanne Nammavong asked whether a Zoom link could be added for the meeting, along with other website links. She said that a resident’s public comments include personal attacks and warned that they could incite violence.

Steve Komm discussed a political party, its policies and practices, and local gas prices.

Peggy Kowalski commented that the Environmental Advisory Committee, with Greenhorn Gardens at Arlington Cemetery, will host an Earth Day event on 4/18/26 from 12:00-3:00, with the rain date of 4/19/26. She discussed Naylor's Run Park survey and the Darby Creek Trail grant.

Tyir Brown discussed the sports courts that are causing hardship for residents in the 400 block of Kent Road and asked for assistance.

Elaine Weaver noted the Pennsylvania state flag was incorrectly displayed at the Upper Darby Township Municipal Building.

Joy and John McCann – Joy requested help with traffic issues at Argyle Road and School Lane due to the absence of a stop sign, and inquired whether there are laws related to parking commercial vehicles. John said the one percent earned income tax and the purchase of the hospital should be put to a referendum.

Judy Duggan suggested waiving park fees for events that help the community and inquired about the treasurer's reporting responsibilities.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by Mmcneely**

**Motion to Approve the March 4, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes**

**10 in favor (MM, NF, JM, MDB, SD, Dblackwell, Mmcneely, DB, KM, BO), 1 opposed (MB)**

**Motion passes.**

**Motion by NF, seconded by Mmcneely**

**Motion to Approve the March 9, 2026, Finance & Appropriations Committee Oversight Hearing Minutes.**

**7 in favor (MM, NF, JM, MDB, SD, Mmcneely, BO), 4 opposed (MB, Dblackwell, DB, KM)**

**Motion passes.**

### **The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown**

Mayor Brown asked Superintendent Bernhardt to provide an updated safety report related to ICE. He congratulated Amrinder Singh, Director of L&I, who was recognized as one of America's 250 public service champions and appointed as a member of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council by the governor. He congratulated the entire Upper Darby Township Parking Enforcement Department staff on earning the Parking Enforcement Compliance Professional (PECP) credential. He congratulated CAO Jones, who was appointed as the Chair of the International City Council Management Association 2026 Northeast Regional Vice President Nominating Committee. He announced that Joe Martin, Director of Public Works, will retire at the end of March, and that Jillian Theorgood, Director of Human Resources, has resigned effective at the end of March. Best wishes were extended to both. Rob Callaghan was congratulated on his selection as Assistant Fire Chief. The search for a Finance Director is ongoing. Two new

probationary firefighters were sworn in on 3/13/26. He addressed a resident's concern about the PA state flag being displayed incorrectly and urged residents to report concerns to the One Center. He recognized the women on Council in honor of National Women's History Month.

**President of Council, Marion B. Minick**

No comments.

**Resolution No. 10-26:** Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Regional Trail Program to authorize the submission of an application for engineering and design of the Upper Darby Township's Darby Creek Trail Pilgrim Park segment to connect with Haverford Township's Darby Creek Trail.

**Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by MB**

**Motion to Approve Resolution 10-26**

All in favor

Motion passes

**Solicitor**

No report.

**Old Business**

KM discussed the Upper Darby Township Council Flag Design Competition, noting that submissions are due by April 17, 2026. There will be a finalist selection, and public voting will occur from May 6 through May 20, 2026. The winner will be announced on June 1, 2026, with a flag raising scheduled for June 14, 2026.

Mmcneely reminded residents about the free food giveaway event scheduled for 3/28/26 at 12:00 at Michelle Park.

**New Business**

MDB announced that the Public Health and Environmental Affairs Committee will meet on 3/19/26, thanked residents John and Joy McCann for sharing their concern, and looks forward to speaking with them.

BO noted he attended the Public Safety Committee meeting and the public displaying of some of the public streets initiatives to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety, and urged residents to complete the online Safe Streets survey.

NF discussed an issue raised at the recent Finance and Appropriations Committee meeting regarding Upper Darby Township's provision of fire protection services outside the township. He expressed support for mutual aid with neighboring municipalities but noted the increased reliance

on Township resources. He requested a formal review of the existing agreements with the goal of establishing more structured agreements.

DB agreed with Vice-President Field's remarks. As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, he reported on their recent meeting, noting attendees and that the plan with the Superintendent is under review. Key topics included traffic, speeding, parking permits, and the Fire Chief's plans. Superintendent Bernhardt said no permits will be issued until the study is complete. Several safety initiatives were discussed.

KM encouraged participation in the 2026–2030 Community Needs survey, the Safe Streets survey, and the Naylor's Run Improvement Plan survey. The Mural Arts project is accepting submissions, and resources are available through the Upper Darby Township Small Business Empowerment Hub. There is a free tennis clinic at Naylor's Run Park on Saturdays through 4/4/26, and a Zoning Board position is open, with applications available online. The Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee met and discussed emergency response and ICE legislation. There will be a Planning & Zoning and committee meeting later this month.

MB thanked all the Committee Chairs for the updates. She announced that she and Councilor Blackwell met with Jordan A. Casey, director of the Housing Opportunities Program for Equity (HOPE), and that they will be working on a related Ordinance.

JM congratulated Joe Martin on his retirement.

**Motion by MB, seconded by KM**

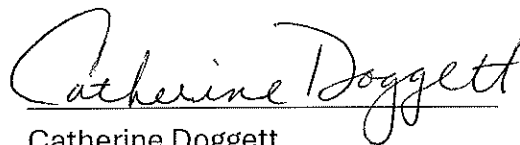
**Motion to Adjourn**

**All in favor**

**Motion passes**

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Doggett  
Chief Municipal Clerk