

Council Committee Meeting Minutes
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
July 2, 2025 7:00 pm

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

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

Roll Call:

Present: Michelle Billups (MB), Marion Minick (MM), Meaghan Wagner (MW), Hafiz Tunis (HT), David Bantoe (DB), Jess Branas (JB) via Zoom, Brian Andruszko (BA), Laura Wentz (LW), Matt Silva (MS), Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell), and Myron McNeely (Mmcneely).

Also present: The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall Jones via Zoom, Solicitor Clarke, Solicitor Youngblood, Chief Municipal Clerk Kate Doggett, Lt. Garay, and Officer Bateman.

Rules for Meeting Decorum

“Upper Darby residents have the opportunity to speak for three (3) minutes. Residents 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 thirty (30) minutes. If a resident 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

Shellie Hoyt thanked several individuals for assisting with providing the trash schedule and repairing the streets, and requested that Delco Alerts be used more often. She aired grievances against the administration and discussed the condition of township properties. She inquired why Delco Dispatch does not report when STAT is called.

John Vizzarri of 535 Kirks Lane gave a timeline and communications history on Ordinances 3185 and 3189 and asked for proof that Keystone reviewed Ordinance 3185. He stated that the

Administrative Code requires a year-to-date budget vs. actual figures to be provided quarterly to the Council and the public.

Kyle McIntyre of 1040 Drexel Avenue thanked the township and various departments for assisting with the Delaware County Pride Festival. He noted that the pedestrian signal is knocked over at Baltimore Pike and Union Avenue and said one more mural is scheduled this year at Sellers Recreational Field.

Olivia Taylor, address not provided, spoke about the election of the Vice President of Council at a previous meeting and aired grievances against the council and the administration.

Becky Duggan, address not provided, yielded her time to John DeMasi, who spoke about his Right-to-Know requests and the Office of Open Records determinations. He also addressed expenses invoiced by the Kilkenny firm and paid by the Township.

Joanne Nammavong, address not provided, yielded her time to John DeMasi, who spoke about expenses invoiced by the solicitor and paid by the Township.

Judy Duggan, address not provided, yielded her time to John DeMasi, who spoke about the Home Rule Charter's provisions regarding unauthorized expenses and aired grievances against CAO Jones.

John DeMasi, 706 Stanbridge Road, urged the Council to investigate various issues he proposed.

Justine Mays, address not provided, spoke about the code violations she was issued.

Richard A. Blye, address not provided, discussed Juneteenth celebrations and expressed interest in partnering with the Township on future events.

Robert Yantorno of Drexel Avenue stated he is running for the 3rd District Council seat and discussed Upper Darby Township's current financial situation.

Hunter Montgomery, address not provided, highlighted numerous benefits and services provided by the township libraries and advocated for higher wages for library employees.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by MW, seconded by LW

Motion to Approve the June 18, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

All in favor

Motion passes

The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown

Mayor Brown discussed events he attended since the last meeting and reported on the next steps in the Revive and Thrive Parks Initiative, which includes community input meetings. A full schedule of meeting dates and locations will be listed on the Upper Darby Township website and social media sites.

Chief Administrative Officer, Crandall O. Jones

Introduction of Resolution No. 21-25 to approve Program Year 51 Action Plan for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs.

Due to technical issues with the Zoom sound, Rita LaRue introduced Resolution No. 21-25. Resolution No. 21-25 with Exhibit "A" sets forth the final allocations of funds for the 51st Program Year Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs. It also lists CDBG project descriptions.

Motion by DB, seconded by MB

Motion to Place Resolution No. 21-25 on the 7/16/2025 Council meeting agenda for a vote.

LW expressed concern that some non-profits faced challenges with the grant application process due to township technical issues, resulting in missed deadlines and exclusion from consideration. She referenced Recovery Without Barriers and noted the organization's positive impact on the Township.

10 in favor (MB, MM, MW, HT, DB, JB, BA, MS, Dblackwell, Mmcneely), 1 opposed (LW)

Motion Passes

Introduction of Resolution No. 22-25 to amend the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan

Resolution No. 22-25 amends the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, allowing Upper Darby Township to accept a \$501,630.20 award of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding. Rita LaRue explained that this grant will increase the budget for helping residents with home repairs and whole-home rehabilitation.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by MW

Motion to Place Resolution No. 22-25 on the 7/16/2025 Council meeting agenda for a vote.

All in favor

Motion Passes

Introduction of Resolution No. 23-25 to amend the Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan for Program Year 48 (PY48)

Resolution No. 23-25 amends the Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan for Program Year 48 changing the activity of the project entitled "Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation" from "provision of a dance studio for low and low/mod and special needs families" to "provision of scholarships to low and low/mod and special needs families to participate in arts programs at the Upper Darby Cultural Arts & Education Center".

Motion by LW, seconded by MW

Motion to Place Resolution No. 23-25 on the 7/16/2025 Council meeting agenda for a vote.

MB clarified that the Upper Darby Cultural Arts & Education Center is now called SPARC. She inquired how the scholarships would be advertised, how much they would be for, and how many children could apply for them.

LW verified that these scholarships are separate from the budgeted summer stage scholarships. Dblackwell inquired about the Upper Darby Cultural Arts & Education Center funds.

All in favor

Motion Passes

Introduction of Resolution No. 20-25: Approval of PennDOT Policy and Procedure for Consultant Selection for 69th St. Multimodal Grant from Walnut St. to Marshall Road

Assistant Public Works Director Sindy Mulyono-Danre introduced Resolution No. 20-25, which satisfies PennDOT's requirement that recipients of Multimodal Transportation Funds adopt a procedure for consultant selection.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by MW

Motion to Place Resolution No. 20-25 on the 7/16/2025 Council meeting agenda for a vote.

All in favor

Motion Passes

Update of Year-7 of the Upper Darby Township Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit

Assistant Public Works Director, Sindy Mulyono-Danre, provided the Council with an update regarding the township MS4 permit.

LW asked if there is documentation from the past year that can be shared with the Council.

President of Council, Hafiz Tunis, Jr.

President Tunis thanked the administration for honoring his request to keep the agenda brief due to scheduled fireworks. He expressed that America is the greatest country and emphasized that all citizens are blessed and should feel grateful to live here.

DB addressed statements made at a previous meeting where he felt his African heritage was attacked and racial comments were made. He does not feel this has a place in Upper Darby, which calls itself "The World in One Place," and asked President Tunis to address it if it happens in the future.

Motion by LW, seconded by MW

Motion to Adjourn

All in favor

Motion passes

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Doggett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Catherine Doggett
Chief Municipal Clerk