

Council Meeting Minutes
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
August 5, 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.

Motion by NF, seconded by KM

Motion to allow those who did not have an opportunity to speak during the initial thirty (30) minutes of the Public Forum to comment after the Reorganization of Council.

All in favor

Motion passes

Roll Call:

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

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

Council recessed for five minutes due to technical issues.

Council reconvened

Public Forum

Connie Komm shared her views on a political movement and expressed opposition to it.

John DeMasi spoke about the Reorganization of Council that is on the agenda.

Faith Zerbe urged Council to vote against the proposed rezoning and development of the Mozino tract and read a statement from the Marple Township Board of Supervisors regarding a proposed development in Marple Township.

Jamie Watts spoke of the benefits of preserving green space at the Mozino tract.

Michelle Schoefeld opposes the development and rezoning of the Mozino Tract.

Steve Lockard cited concerns about the rezoning and development of the Mozino Tract and urged Council to vote no on the development.

Patsy (last name illegible), a Pine Street resident, expressed concerns regarding a neighboring property's trash accumulation and overgrown grass and requested assistance with these issues.

Lee Jordan expressed support for the redevelopment of existing properties rather than new development on the Mozino tract.

John Vizzarri discussed Treasurer MD Sayduzzaman, stating that he had not fulfilled the duties of the office during his seven-month tenure. He also inquired about the reason for the Council reorganization on the agenda.

Joanne Nammavong commented on the Zoning Hearing Board's approval of a personal care home project.

Olivia Taylor addressed a council member regarding remarks made at a previous meeting and asked CAO Jones about ARPA funds allotted for sewer repair.

Bonnie Hallum thanked Council and administration for discussing the Mozino tract and referenced petitions opposing the rezoning and development of the Mozino forest, which she will provide.

Council recessed for five minutes.

Council reconvened.

Reorganization of Council

NF read a prepared statement outlining his views on the role of government and public service, as well as his hopes for the Council.

KM explained the circumstances he believed led to Council's decision to reorganize.

DB explained the circumstances he believed led to Council's decision to reorganize.

Motion by NF, seconded by KM

Motion to Re-Organize Council

All in favor

Motion passes

Nominations were opened for President of Council.

NF nominated Marion Minick

KM nominated Michelle Billups

Roll Call Vote:

Marion Minick	-	Marion Minick
Noah Fields	-	Marion Minick
Myron McNeely	-	Marion Minick
Jonathan McMahon	-	Marion Minick
David Bantoe	-	Michelle Billups
Danyelle Blackwell	-	Michelle Billups
Syama Disa	-	Michelle Billups
Brian O'Neill	-	Michelle Billups
Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone	-	Michelle Billups
Michelle Billups	-	Michelle Billups
Kyle McIntyre	-	Michelle Billups

Michelle Billups received 7 votes and was elected President of Council.
MB thanked her colleagues.

Nominations were opened for Vice-President of Council.

KM nominated Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone

Mmcneely nominated Noah Fields

Roll Call Vote:

Marion Minick	-	Noah Fields
Noah Fields	-	Noah Fields
Myron McNeely	-	Noah Fields
Jonathan McMahon	-	Noah Fields
David Bantoe	-	Noah Fields
Danyelle Blackwell	-	Noah Fields
Syama Disa	-	Melissa-DiNofia Bozzone
Brian O'Neill	-	Melissa-DiNofia Bozzone
Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone	-	Melissa-DiNofia Bozzone
Michelle Billups	-	Melissa-DiNofia Bozzone
Kyle McIntyre	-	Melissa-DiNofia Bozzone

Noah Fields received 6 votes and was elected Vice-President of Council.

Nominations were opened for Secretary of Council.

KM nominated Danyelle Blackwell

No other nominations were made

Roll Call Vote:

Marion Minick	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Noah Fields	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Myron McNeely	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Jonathan McMahon	-	Danyelle Blackwell
David Bantoe	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Danyelle Blackwell	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Syama Disa	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Brian O'Neill	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Michelle Billups	-	Danyelle Blackwell
Kyle McIntyre	-	Danyelle Blackwell

Danyelle Blackwell received 11 votes and was elected Secretary of Council.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by NF, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to Approve July 15, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

All in favor

Motion passes

Public Forum – Continued

Ted Walter reported a rat infestation and identified a produce store at Marshall and Normandy as contributing to the problem. He requested assistance in addressing the issue. He also reported that his street is in poor condition.

Stephen Komm discussed a political party and his opposition to it.

Dan Mullarkey, director of the Upper Darby Boxing PAL organization, requested assistance in meeting the organization's current needs.

Shannon Dade of the Delaware County Health Department, accompanied by two colleagues, expressed support for Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control Ordinance No. 2026-08. She reviewed the health risks associated with lead poisoning.

Rosemarie Halt of the Children First Lead-Free Promise Project expressed support for Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control Ordinance No. 2026-08 and reviewed the health risks associated with lead poisoning.

Becky Duggan expressed concerns regarding the proposed personal care home project. She also discussed the Mozino Tract and inquired about the status of contract negotiations with the Police and Fire Departments.

Jim Durante discussed fair elections and voter ID, the township's hiring practices, and announced that he is trying to arrange a meeting with Mayor Brown.

Wen Zhang discussed his concerns about flooding around 69th Street and Marshall Road, as well as clogged storm drain inlets.

Spero Pappas discussed incidents that occurred during the fireworks event and urged increased law enforcement. He also discussed El Car Wash, the small-business hub, and the township website.

Justine Mays commented on the Mozino Tract and on trash clogging storm drains and asked how much EIT revenue has been collected.

Donna Smith expressed support for Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control Ordinance No. 2026-08 and urged Council to vote in favor of it.

Elaine Weaver congratulated the newly elected President and Secretary of Council.

Chris Fabre commented on flooding in the township, Council meeting Public Forum rules, and a council member's remarks at a meeting about a Senior Center on West Chester Pike.

Stephanie Nottingham discussed a fire at a neighbor's residence and commended the police officers at the Jazz in the Park event for their positive interaction with the community. She expressed her concerns about parking at the new Senior Center.

The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown

Mayor Brown gave an update on the events and activities he attended or participated in since the previous Council meeting. He commented on the Council's reorganization and said he looks forward to serving with the Council to move Upper Darby forward.

Resolution No. 26-26: Appointments of Robert Ford and Briana Guillory to the Upper Darby Township Planning Commission

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by DB

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 26-26

Briana Guillory spoke to Council and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission.

NF inquired whether the appointments should be made individually or together, and Solicitor Gallagher said either would be fine.

All in favor

Motion Passes

Resolution No. 27-26: Appointment of Melinda Kuhar-Owens as an Alternate to the Upper Darby Zoning Hearing Board

Motion by NF, seconded by Dblackwell

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 27-26

Melinda Kuhar-Owens spoke to Council and expressed her hope to make a difference in Upper Darby Township.

KM thanked Melinda for her service.

MB thanked Melinda for her service.

All in favor

Motion Passes

President of Council, Michelle Billups

President Billups thanked her colleagues for electing her as Council President, stating that she does not take the responsibility lightly. She stated that she plans to advance advocacy in her role as President and discussed its importance. She looks forward to working with the Council and the administration.

Motion by NF, seconded by KM

Motion to accept the resignation of MD Sayduzzaman from the Office of Treasurer

All in favor

Motion Passes

Chief Administrative Officer, Crandall O. Jones

Resolution 23-26: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between Upper Darby Township and The County of Delaware

CAO Jones introduced the Resolution, which would authorize an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Upper Darby Township and the County of Delaware for the purpose of receiving additional funding for the Upper Darby Township Home Repair Program. The agreement would allocate \$157,754 to Upper Darby Township from Delaware County.

Motion by NF, seconded by KM

Motion to Approve Resolution 23-26

All in favor

Motion Passes

Resolution No. 25-26: Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for El Car Wash at 832 N. Lansdowne Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

CAO Jones introduced Director Rita LaRue, who gave a brief introduction of El Car Wash. She introduced Joshua Chast, the planning and zoning manager, who presented a brief overview, and then representatives from El Car Wash, their attorney, and engineers shared information and answered questions from Council.

KM thanked the developer for their investment in Upper Darby Township.

Dblackwell inquired about the chemicals being used by the car wash.

DB inquired whether there was a shop on the property selling goods and asked about the plans for tree planting and maintenance.

Mmcneely inquired about the process that will be used to clean and treat the recycled water.

MDB asked where the company is primarily located, how waiting lines will be managed, and what on-site management will entail.

Dblackwell asked if a percentage of the hires will be minorities and residents of the neighborhood.

KM inquired about the car wash's hours of operation and measures to control noise levels.

JM noted that local construction companies are available to provide services such as demolition, construction, maintenance, and landscaping.

Mayor Brown recognized the thorough presentation and thanked the presenters and Council.

Motion by NF, seconded by KM

Motion to Approve Resolution 25-26

All in favor

Motion Passes

Resolution No. 24-26: Appointment of Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the Delaware County Tax Collection Committee

CAO Jones introduced and explained this Resolution.

Motion by NF, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to Approve Resolution 24-26

All in favor

Motion Passes

Resolution 28-26: PennDOT Master Casting Agreement

CAO Jones introduced and explained this Resolution, which authorizes PennDOT to perform Utility Casting work for state-owned roads.

Motion by KM, seconded by NF

Motion to Approve Resolution 28-26

All in favor

Motion Passes

Ordinance 2026-08: Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control

Motion by NF, seconded by KM

Motion to approve the introduction and advertisement of Ordinance No. 2026-08

All in favor

Motion Passes

Solicitor

No report.

Old Business

NF stated that authority better serves the community when challenged and that Council will stand together tomorrow.

Mmcneely discussed the proposal to stage EMS at the Watkins Center and urged the administration to move this forward immediately.

DB noted that the Public Safety Committee could help resolve the issue of staging EMS at the Watkins Center.

BO thanked the Public Works Department for their prompt response to trash collection complaints.

KM congratulated the newly appointed President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Council and thanked former President Minick for his service. He thanked MDB for her willingness to be nominated as Vice President of Council. He commented on the progress of the Mozino Tract development and announced a Special Meeting that will be held on 8/12/26.

New Business

Dblackwell announced a community clean-up event on 8/22, a hygiene kit event on 8/25, and the 4th District clean-up events that take place on the 4th Saturday of the month.

MB announced on behalf of Jean Kosha that the teen advisory board will hold a summer celebration on 8/8 at the Municipal branch library.

DB congratulated the newly appointed President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Council and thanked former President Minick for his service. He thanked MDB for her willingness to be nominated as Vice President of Council.

Motion by NF, seconded by Dblackwell

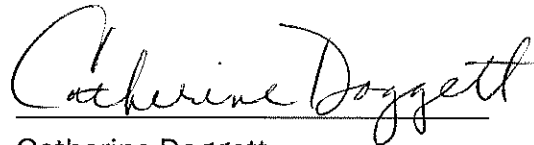
Motion to Adjourn

All in favor

Motion passes

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Doggett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Catherine Doggett
Chief Municipal Clerk