

Council Meeting Minutes  
Upper Darby Township  
100 Garrett Road  
Upper Darby, PA 19082  
August 19, 2026 7:00 pm

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

**Roll Call:**

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

Excused: Marion Minick (MM) and Jonathan McMahon (JM)

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.

**Motion by NF, seconded by MDB**

**Motion to Extend the Public Forum to allow all speakers to comment.**

**All in favor**

**Motion passes**

**Public Forum**

Connie Komm thanked the L&I Department for issuing 40 citations to residents on her street. She shared comments regarding a political movement and expressed her opposition to it.

Rhonda Bell said she moved to Upper Darby for its green space and opposed development of the Mozino Tract, stressing the need to preserve open space.

Lee Jordan stated that preserving Mozino Forest would be a valuable asset to Upper Darby Township.

George Panos stated that the Township could acquire the Mozino Forest at limited cost by using a conservation model and seeking available public funding.

Bonnie Hallam urged the Township to consider the hidden costs of developing Mozino Forest, including public health risks and increased pollution.

Steve Lockard urged everyone to review the Mozino Tract and CMU Ordinance further, gather additional information, and ensure the process is done correctly.

Faith Zerbe, a member of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, commended Council for its leadership regarding the Mozino Tract.

Chuck Pierson discussed his qualifications and interest in the vacant Township Treasurer position. Olivia Taylor thanked the council members who voted for change and asked questions about the Property Maintenance Quick Ticket Program and the money allocated for sewer repair. Justine Mays made remarks concerning a council member, urged residents not to state their addresses publicly, and asked the Council to consider the issues surrounding the Mozino Tract development carefully. She also asked about revenue collected through the EIT and the appraisal of the firehouse.

Becky Duggan commended the One Center employees for their professionalism. She discussed township property on Garrett Road near Edmonds Avenue and expressed interest in converting it into a garden; she asked about fence height restrictions and inquired about the law firm handling police contract negotiations.

Fredrick Gabriel spoke about lead in rental properties and urged Council to approve Ordinance 2026-08.

**Motion by NF, seconded by DB**

**Motion to allow Christine Owens to speak following the remainder of the speakers**

**All in favor**

**Motion passes**

Richard Blye discussed laws governing Flock cameras, or automated license plate readers (ALPRs), and stated that he submitted a Right-to-Know Request regarding their use as it relates to him.

Jeannie Moberly discussed bicycles and concerns regarding the negative impacts of outdoor cameras.

Joanne Nammavong asked about the differences between the Property Maintenance Quick Ticket Program Ordinance and existing ordinances. She also commented on the recently approved Senior Care facility and a council member's remark from a prior meeting.

Rachee Fagg, the head of youth services at the Upper Darby Township Library, provided updates on the Summer Reading Program, upcoming events, and available library resources.

Christine Owens spoke about the Mozino Forest and its impact on public health.

Jacob Jose Heybedian spoke about the positive impact of the Mozino Forest on his health, including his mental health and addiction recovery.

Alana Haber, an Upper Darby Township Library employee, emphasized the importance of increased township funding and highlighted the resources libraries provide.

Judy Duggan encouraged support for the Township libraries.

Council recessed for five minutes.

Council reconvened.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by Mmcneely**

**Motion to Approve August 5, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes**

**All in favor**

**Motion passes**

**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 discussed the Mozino Tract development and supported Council's decision to Table the Ordinance following new information presented at the Special Meeting. He stated that additional information should be gathered and expressed confidence that Council would make the best decision for the Township. He announced the next "Move with the Mayor" event on 8/22/26.

**President of Council, Michelle Billups**

**Resolution 30-26: Overdose Awareness Day**

President Billups introduced Resolution 30-26, recognizing August 31, 2026, as International Overdose Awareness Day in Upper Darby Township. She discussed substance abuse as a public health issue, promoted recovery, and highlighted the importance of supporting those affected by addiction.

**Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by NF**

**Motion to Approve Resolution 30-26**

**All in favor**

**Motion Passes**

**Chief Administrative Officer, Crandall O. Jones**

**The SPARC: Upper Darby Arts and Education Center**

Justin Heimbecker, Executive Director of the Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation, provided the Council and Administration with an update on the SPARC Center. He highlighted the positive impact of the township's investment and the opportunities and benefits it helped create for the community.

MDB requested an overview of the leadership team responsible for daily operations, as well as the communication and marketing strategy for increasing community awareness of the SPARC Center.

Dblackwell asked for confirmation of SPARC's address and hours of operation.

KM encouraged Council to tour the SPARC Center and spoke highly of the facility.

DB voiced support for the facility and spoke highly of it.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Heimbecker for the presentation and spoke favorably of the facility.

**Resolution 29-26: Authorizing Execution of a Lease Purchase Agreement Between Leasing 2 Incorporated and Upper Darby Township for a SuperJet 1620 Jetter Truck for the Sewer Department.**

CAO Jones requested that this agenda item be tabled.

**Motion by NF, seconded by Dblackwell**

**Motion to Table Resolution 29-26 until the September 2, 2026, Council Meeting**

**All in favor**

**Motion passes**

**Ordinance 2026-07: Property Maintenance Quick Ticket Program**

CAO Jones introduced Amrinder Singh, Director of License and Inspection, who presented the ordinance. Amrinder Singh stated the purpose is to add a new chapter to the Township Code and establish an administrative quick-ticket process for 17 specific designated property maintenance and quality-of-life violations. He also announced the penalties, which would not be collected or enforced before January 1, 2027.

Dblackwell asked whether an appeals or grievance process would be established, and how and when the process would be communicated to residents. She asked whether data was available regarding tickets issued for violations.

MDB thanked Mr. Singh for his leadership and presentation and asked about the anticipated short- and long-term outcomes of the initiative.

Mmcneely inquired about the fine amounts associated with various violations and what the tickets will look like.

KM inquired about the implementation timeline and requested that progress reports be provided to Council throughout the process. He asked whether the tickets would be available in languages other than English.

SD asked whether resources or assistance would be available to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

NF requested information on how revenue is collected and allocated back into the system and whether the ordinance would affect the existing MOU with Code Services Inc.

DB shared information on existing processes to assist seniors with property maintenance through coordination with him and state representatives.

MB asked whether the ordinance and associated fees are posted on the township website.

Mayor Brown thanked Director Singh for his efforts to modernize the L&I Department and commended his work.

**Motion by KM, seconded by MDB**

**Motion to approve the introduction and advertisement of Ordinance No. 2026-07, with a Public Hearing and consideration for final action scheduled for September 2, 2026.**

**All in favor**

**Motion passes**

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

CAO Jones introduced Amrinder Singh, Director of License and Inspection, who presented Ordinance 2026-08, which establishes a Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control Program.

**Motion by NF, seconded by MDB**

**Motion to Open a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-08**

**All in favor**

**Motion Passes**

### **Public Hearing**

Members of the Delaware County Health Department, including its Director, along with representatives from Children First, presented information to Council.

Judy Duggan noted that rental properties may pose the greatest challenge for lead inspections.

Justine Mays asked what would trigger a lead inspection for non-rental properties and whether remediation assistance would be available.

Joanne Nammavong inquired about lead inspection costs, the distinction between “lead safe” and “lead free,” and available testing assistance.

Becky Duggan asked whether the Township would maintain a database of lead inspection certifications.

Faith Zerbe expressed support for the Ordinance and asked whether it specifically regulates airborne pathogens from demolition or development activities.

Bonnie Hallam asked about the testing process, including soil testing.

Richard Blye expressed support for the Ordinance, shared his experience with lead abatement, and encouraged rental insurance.

**Motion by NF, seconded by DB**

**Motion to Close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-08**

**All in favor**

**Motion Passes**

Dblackwell asked whether the township or the property owners would select contractors to conduct lead inspections.

Mmcneely asked who would be responsible for lead removal and how the removal process would be conducted.

MDB asked about the costs associated with treating children for lead poisoning and how the Ordinance could help reduce those costs.

**Motion by NF, seconded by MDB**

**Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-08**

**Roll Call Vote: 9 in favor (MB, NF, MDB, SD, Dblackwell, Mmcneely, DB, KM, BO), 2 excused (MM, JM)**

**Motion passes**

**Solicitor**

No report.

**Old Business**

KM invited the public to “Coffee with the Council” on September 5, 2026, at HMart and September 13, 2026, at Station Tap. He discussed Flock cameras, automated license plate readers, and data centers, and expressed interest in establishing a transparent process for their use through new legislation.

NF responded to a resident’s remarks made during Public Forum toward a council member and stated that an apology was warranted.

**New Business**

MDB thanked the Public Works Department for the repaving initiative in District 3. She spoke about a discussion with a volunteer firefighter and stated that the Public Safety Committee will work to update the fire code ordinance. She discussed an upcoming Public Health and Environmental Affairs Committee meeting, which will address continuing township-wide cleanup events and efforts to address the rat infestation.

Dblackwell reminded the public of the ongoing 4th District cleanup events and invited residents to participate in the hygiene kit distribution at the Watkins Center on August 25, 2026.

MB announced the newly formed Council Committees.

Mmcneely recognized President Michelle Billups as the first Black woman to serve as Council President in Upper Darby Township.

**Motion by NF, seconded by DB**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**All in favor**

**Motion Passes**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Doggett  
Chief Municipal Clerk