

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of the Meeting of March 28, 2016

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 6:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Commissioners Present

James C. Higgins, President Luke Clark, Vice President Elaine Schaefer
Donald Curley John Nagle Philip Ahr
Richard F. Booker

Also Present: *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; Robert Tate, Assistant Finance Director; Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Tammy Cohen, Director of Community Programming and Recreation; Roger Philips, Township Engineer; Damon Drummond, Traffic Engineer and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

President Higgins called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Executive Session on March 28, 2016

All commissioners were in attendance at the March 28, 2016 executive session; where matters of personnel, real estate and litigation were discussed.

1. Change in the Office of President of Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Higgins announced his resignation as President of the Board of Commissioners and stated it was because of his asking the staff to change Ordinance 2016-03 by adding a line item for the North Wayne Basin after the ordinance was introduced and voted upon March 14. He stated that he was resigning for the good of the Township.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to accept Commissioner Higgins resignation as President and accept/approve resolution #2016-40, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners in regards to their opinions on the matter.

Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to his disagreement of Commissioner Higgins conduct.

Ken Taylor, Wayne – He spoke in regards to the already approved North Wayne Basin project and the revisions that had been taken with the ordinance.

Mr. Gerhard Muehllehner – He spoke in regards to Commissioner Higgins resignation as President and thanked him for his service.

Kay Myers, Walnut Avenue – She spoke of her support of Jim Higgins and that the flooding in N. Wayne needs to be addressed.

Cynthia Curley – She commented in regards to her disagreement to Commissioner Higgins resignation as President and would like to see the community work together to reach a solution.

George Burden – He commented in regards to his support of Commissioner Higgins.

Stewart Bernstein, Poplar Avenue – He commented to his disagreement to Commissioner Higgins resignation as President.

Eric Jansen, Wayne – He commented in regards to his support of Commissioner Higgins and that Stormwater will continue to be a problem.

Dan Kosher, Radnor – He commented that the real issues here are leadership and trust.

Gail Morrison, Poplar Avenue – She commented in regards to the urgency for Stormwater management in the North Wayne Area.

Doug McCone, Poplar Ave – He commented in regards to his disagreement to Commissioner Higgins resignation as President.

Bill Bruno – He commented that he is not in agreement with the resignation of Commissioner Higgins as President.

Brian Wade, 131 Plant Avenue – He is in support of Commissioner Higgins.

Brent Ericson, 112 Plant Ave – He is in support of Commissioner Higgins.

Christina Perrone, Walnut Ave. – She commented in regards to the sections in the Township Charter in which she believes were violated as well as inquired in regards to the Township Solicitor.

Joe Hilger – He is in support of Commissioner Higgins.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote on the motion, motion passed 7-0.

There was an in depth discussion in regards to the procedures to appoint a President to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Clark stated that as Vice President presiding over this meeting given the resignation of President Higgins, at this time he will ask if there is a motion to open the nominations to appoint a new President. Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to open nominations for President of the Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

Commissioner Booker nominated Lucas Clark as President of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Schaefer nominated Phil Ahr as President of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Booker.

Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented that the election for President and Vice-President should wait another two weeks and inquired if Commissioner Higgins will vote for his replacement. ↷

Barbara Schader – She commented that the flooding problems need to be fixed.

Ken Taylor – He spoke in support of the nomination of Phil Ahr as President.

George Burden – He commented that he believes Commissioner Higgins should participate in the vote for President.

Patti Barker, Rosemont – She spoke in support of Phil Ahr as President.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners in regards to the Commissioners which were nominated for President of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to table the nominations until the 2nd meeting in April, seconded by Commissioner Booker. Motion passed 5-2 with Commissioner Schaefer and Nagle opposed.

The Board of Commissioners called a 5 minute recess.

2. Unit Citation for 3rd Platoon – Radnor Police Department

Removed from the Agenda

3. Consent Agenda

a) Disbursement Review and Approval: 2016-03B; 2016-03C

b) Approval of minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 14, 2016

c) Acceptance of Department Monthly Reports

d) Staff Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2016

e) Resolution #2016-39 – Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Radnor Township TAP Trail

f) Resolution #2016-38 - Setting the Zoning Hearing Board Members' Terms

Commissioner Curley made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Public Participation

Lieutenant Flanagan gave a brief overview of the precautionary measures that are being taken to prepare for Villanova University entering the Final 4 of the NCAA Championships.

Barbara Schader – She made a few comments in regards to paid taxes at the County level.

Christina Perrone, Walnut Avenue – She commented in regards to the process which was taken and inquired if the email chain with Mr. Rice was going to be released.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented about the delay of the vote for President as well as his frustrations with the Township Solicitor.

Paige Maz – She inquired about the status of the project which was approved to make the connections at the Middle School Stormwater project.

5. Committee Reports

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Ordinance #2016-04 – (Adoption) Amending Chapter 280 of the Radnor Code, Zoning Ordinance, Section 115.5 Municipal Services/Uses to clarify the use category contemplated by this Ordinance on lands owned, operated, leased and/or maintained by Radnor Township

Commissioner Curley made a motion to adopt, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

B. Implementation of Traffic Calming Measure for the 100 Block of Pine Tree Road

Superintendent of Police William Colarulo gave a brief overview of the proposed traffic calming for Pine Tree Road. There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff in regards to the 100 Block of Pine Tree Road in particular speed humps vs. medians.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to authorize staff to design and intervention not to exceed \$30,000 on Pine Tree Road, seconded by Commissioner Ahr.

Public Comment

Rick Leonardi – He commented in regards to the discrepancies between staff and the Commissioners on how to proceed forward.

Commissioner Clark called the vote, motion passed 7-0.

C. Ordinance #2016-05 (Introduction) - Temporary Parking Restrictions – Francis Avenue

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to introduce, seconded by Commissioner Higgins.

Lieutenant Block discussed the proposed ordinance for Temporary Parking on Francis Avenue which would be in effect for the next 90 days.

Commissioner Clark called the vote, motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

D. Ordinance #2016-03 (Introduction) - Approval for the Stormwater Fund Capital Budget

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to introduce ordinance #2016-03, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff in regards to the line item for the repair of the stormwater system at N. Wayne Field.

Public Comment

Ken Taylor, Willow Avenue – He suggested that the Board wait to make a decision until the Township wide study is completed.

Maya VonRossum, Delaware Riverkeeper – She supports the study to be completed prior to any projects as well as commented about the Stormwater project at the Middle School.

Christina Perrone, Walnut Avenue – She commented about discussing the completion and approval of a project that the Township is not authorized to do on School District Property. She was told that the Township is authorized to perform maintenance and repairs.

Steve Norcini gave a brief overview of what the \$180,000 would complete and entail at the North Wayne Field. There was an in depth discussion amongst the Commissioners and Staff in regards to the North Wayne Field Basin.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He inquired for clarity what this ordinance is (supplemental appropriation, budget revision or budget amendment).

Regina Majercek, Stormwater Advisory Committee – She commented in regards to the stormwater budget and that the Committee will continue to come before the Board for approval.

Commissioner Clark called the vote, motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

*E. ~~Radnryn Apartments – Requesting a waiver from the Land Development Process~~
Removed from the Agenda*

F. Resolution #2016-36 - Caucus/Final – Minor Subdivision Plan Glenbrook Avenue

The applicant is proposing to consolidate the four existing parcels to form one single, contiguous, undivided parcel. This project does not meet the criteria for an administration review exemption due to the number of parcels involved in the consolidation. No improvements are proposed at this time. There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and Staff.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Ahr. Commissioner Clark called the vote, motion passed 7-0.

G. Resolution #2016-37 - Caucus/Final – Minor Subdivision Plan 205 Strafford Avenue

The applicant is proposing to adjust lot lines on the previously approved subdivision and land development plan at the above location. There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and the applicant.

Commissioner Booker made a motion approve, seconded by Commissioner Ahr. Motion passed 7-0.

H. Caucus – Preliminary/Final – Radnor Memorial Library

Martin Kimmel representing the Radnor Memorial Library gave a brief presentation which can be found on the Township website at: <http://www.radnor.com/851/Radnor-Memorial-Library-Proposed-Expansion>.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners, staff and applicant for clarification of items within the project.

I. Caucus – Preliminary/Final – 131/133 Garrett Avenue

The applicant is proposing to construct a semidetached twin dwelling at the above location. This project is located in the GH-N district of the Township. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and the applicant in regards to street lights at the property. It was agreed that the applicant will comply with

the wishes of the Commissioners and staff to install two street lights of anodized brass and forgo the cobra head light across the street.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to extend the meeting to 11:30, seconded by Commissioner Booker. Motion passed 7-0.

J. Caucus – Preliminary – 427 E. Lancaster Avenue

George Broseman representing the applicant briefly discussed the proposed project. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing buildings on the site and erect a multifamily residential building consisting of 22 units with parking located underneath the building. The project is located within the R6 Zoning District. The project is combining two parcels (.79 acres and .45 acres) into one parcel that will total 1.24 acres. There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners, staff and applicant in regards to steep slopes, right-of-way and the possibility of green roofs.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

None

FINANCE & AUDIT

None

PARKS & RECREATION

None

LIBRARY

None

PUBLIC HEALTH

None

Old Business

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Staff and members of the Stormwater Advisory Committee in regards to the proposed Stormwater project at the Middle School.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to extend the meeting until 11:40 PM, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussions continued in regards to the Stormwater project at the Middle School. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to see the presentation that Dan Wible from CH2M has to be presented.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to extend the meeting until 11:50 PM, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

New Business

- *Villanova CARE Update*

Jane Galli, Villanova CARE group, discussed that at their last meeting they discussed the sidewalks on south side as well as commented in regards to the ADA requirements for the sidewalks. Rick Leonardi also representing the Villanova CARE group commented in regards to the sidewalks, the non ability for

him and Jane to visit the site and also asked for a full set of approved plans. There was also a brief discussion in regards to the progress and treatment of others at the meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2016.

- 15 Year 9/11 Memorial Service

Mr. Zienkowski commented that the Township is currently planning a 15 Year 9/11 Memorial Service at Veterans Park on September 11, 2016.

Public Participation

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano