

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of March 23, 2015

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

William Spingler, President

John Fisher

John Nagle - Absent

Elaine Schaefer

James C. Higgins, Vice President

Richard F. Booker

Donald Curley

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

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

Public Participation

Ken Taylor, Wayne – He commented in regards to past behavior at meetings by the public and Commissioners. He asked for the board to set a few standards.

Marty Costello - He along with Commissioner Schaefer presented a picture of students from St. Katherine of Siena, Radnor High School and Archbishop Carroll who collaborated to research fallen war veterans as an effort with Saving Hallowed Ground to Mr. Zienkowski.

Jamie Richmond, Bryn Mawr – He commented that he is in support of the improvements at Encke Park and encouraged the Commissioners to support it as well.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to Commissioner Nagle’s apology at the March 9, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Notice of Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 23, 2015

All commissioners were in attendance with the exception of Commissioner Nagle, where matters of personnel, real estate and litigation were discussed.

Commissioner Spingler announced that item C on the agenda will be removed from the agenda this evening, item E will be moved to first on the agenda as well as item 1n removed from the consent agenda.

Resolution #2015-50 – Authorizing the Township to remit \$187,150 to Radnor Wayne Little League for the construction of a comfort station at Encke Park along with other park site improvements (Funded by proceeds designated as part of the Radnor Township Building cell tower negotiations where funds have been identified specific to park improvements)

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer.

Mr. Zienkowski and Tammy Cohen, Director of Community Programming and Recreation gave a brief overview of the project that has been discussed for many years. There was a brief discussion among Commissioners and staff in regards to the project.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to amend the resolution to add the condition of *Subject to the execution of an agreement including bonding, insurance and other terms subject to the satisfaction of Township Administration and Township Solicitor*, seconded by Commissioner Booker. Motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Nagle absent.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote, motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Nagle absent.

1. Consent Agenda

- a) Disbursement Review and Approval: 2015-03A, 2015-03B
- b) Approval of minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 23, 2015
- c) Acceptance of Department Monthly Reports
- d) Approval of Staff Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015
- e) Resolution #2015-11 - Award of Willows Bridge Replacement
- f) Motion for Authorization to Receive Bids for the Radnor Chester and Raider Roads Traffic Signal Installation Project
- g) ~~Resolution #2015-41 – Authorization to Purchase Poles and Mast Arms for the Radnor Chester and Raider Roads Traffic Signal Installation Project~~
- h) Resolution #2015-42 - Authorization to Purchase Grass Seed
- i) Resolution #2015-43 - Authorizing the Township to enter into an agreement with Main Line Baseball Academy for Summer Baseball Camps
- j) Resolution #2015-44 - Authorizing the Township to enter into an agreement with Ashlee Bailey for Summer Field Hockey Camps
- k) Resolution #2015-45 – Authorizing the Approval for the Purchase of Skatepark Equipment and Removal/Installation for the Radnor Skatepark Improvement Project (Funded by proceeds designated as part of the Radnor Township Building cell tower negotiations where funds have been identified specific to park improvements)
- l) ~~Resolution #2015-15 – Entering into an Agreement with Consolation Energy for the purchase of green power pursuant to the Township’s approved Green House Gas Action Plan~~
- m) Resolution #2015-49 - Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Clem Macrone Park Master Plan Development Project
- n) Consideration of a Motion to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness:

- ~~HARB 2014 25 – 120 & 124 Bloomingdale Avenue – Convert 120 Bloomingdale Avenue to a single family detached dwelling. Demolish existing structures on 124 Bloomingdale Avenue and develop property with five (5) new townhomes located in two (2) buildings.~~

There was request from Commissioners for item d, g & l to be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Nagle absent.

Acceptance of Staff Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer.

Commissioner Schaefer commented in regards to item 1 on the staff traffic meeting minutes stating that by accepting the minutes from this meeting does not mean that there is approval for the speed humps to be installed on Pine Tree Road. After the acceptance of the minutes, staff will proceed to bring the item back to the Commissioners at a later time for approval. There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners. Doug Felske, Deputy Chief – Radnor Fire Company is not in support of the speed humps on Pine Tree.

Public Comment

Bill Clark, Pine Tree Road – He is in support of some type of traffic calming on Pine Tree Road.

Kevin Brown, Pine Tree Road - He is in support of some type of traffic calming on Pine Tree Road.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote, motion passed 5-0 with Commissioner Booker abstaining and Commissioner Nagle absent.

Resolution #2015-41 - Authorization to Purchase Poles and Mast Arms for the Radnor Chester and Raider Roads Traffic Signal Installation Project

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Public Comment

Cheryl Tumola – She inquired in regards to the stop bar at the proposed traffic lights.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to allowing the staff and public to comment without interruption.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote, motion passed 5-0 with Commissioner Booker abstaining and Commissioner Nagle absent.

Resolution #2015-15 - Entering into an Agreement with Constellation Energy for the purchase of green power pursuant to the Township's approved Green House Gas Action Plan

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Mr. White presented the following in the legislative summary of the resolution:

	100% Wind	Non-Wind	Difference
Two Year Fixed Price / kWh	0.06539 / kWh	0.06407 / kWh	0.00132 / kWh
As applied to Projected 2,489,476 kWh	\$162,787	\$159,500	\$3,287
	(recommended)		

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Public Comment

Sara Pilling, Garrett Hill – She commented that she had felt pressured by this company when they inquired with her to sign up with them.

Josh Hilbert, Environmental Advisory Committee Chair – He read a prepared statement in regards to the EAC support of the resolution.

Ginny Kreitler – She is in support of the above resolution.

Susan Stern, Wayne – She is in support of the resolution.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote, motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed and Commissioner Nagle absent.

Consideration of a Motion to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness:

HARB-2014-25 – 120 & 124 Bloomingdale Avenue – Convert 120 Bloomingdale Avenue to a single family detached dwelling. Demolish existing structures on 124 Bloomingdale Avenue and develop property with five (5) new townhomes located in two (2) buildings.

George Broseman, Attorney for applicant gave a brief explanation of the project and asked for guidance from the Commissioners on how to proceed.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve the denial of the Certificate of Appropriateness HARB-2014-25, seconded by Commissioner

Public Comment

Susan Stern, Wayne – She commented in regards to her disappointment that the Board allowed the applicant to discuss a plan that Planning, HARB nor Township Staff have seen.

Drew Saunders, Neuman and Saunders Gallery – He commented that he endorses the plan.

Eileen Weir, Bloomingdale Avenue – She is in support of the plan.

Cheryl Tumola, - She commented that the plan falls far short esthetically from the historical district.

George Broseman, attorney for the applicant submitted a letter to the Township Solicitor formally withdrawing the pending application and they will go back through the process with single family homes.

Commissioner Fisher withdrew his motion.

2. Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to appoint Kirsten Krug to CARFAC, seconded by Commissioner Schaeffer. Motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Nagle absent.

3. Letters of Commendation and Recognition

Tammy Cohen, Director of Community Programming and Recreation and Commissioner Schaefer presented Villanova University with Recognition for their support with the Radnor Township Basketball program.

4. Discussion in regards to Cell Towers in Township Parks

Mr. Zienkowski, Township Manager along with staff made a brief presentation stating that there are pocket of dead zone coverage as well as a security issue for first responders. Staff asked the Board if this is something that they would like to pursue further. The parks suggested to place towers in are Willows, Fenimore Woods and Ithan Valley Park.

There was an in depth conversation amongst Commissioners and staff in regards to other options that are available instead of cell towers including microcells.

Public Comment

Ken Taylor, Wayne – He commented that there is an existing cell antennae on the AT&T building and thought that could be utilized instead of one in Fenimore Woods.

Roy Perry, Friends of Ithan Valley Park – He is in support of cell towers at Ithan Valley Park.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to the revenue stream potential.

Maya Van Rossum, S. Roberts Road – She is not in support of the cell towers in the Township Parks.

Andy Santillo, Chair – Parks Board – He commented in regards to the Parks and Recreation Boards motion made in December in support of the cell towers.

David Wood, S. Roberts Road – He commented that it would be a large sacrifice to allow the towers; he is not in support of them.

There was a sense of the board to not proceed with cell towers in the parks and for administration to pursue other areas of technology at this time.

5. Committee Reports

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

A. Resolution #2015-51 - Fern Valley Farm License Agreement---Rye, Quarry, Wheeler Tracts

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer.

Solicitor Rice gave a brief overview of the proposed license agreement. There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Public Comment

Karen Stark, Westover Road – She commented that she would like to see organic farming as there was a recent study by Rodale Institute that showed that organic farming is not only sustainable but outperforms conventional farming practices.

Ken Taylor, Willow Ave. – He inquired on whether workers compensation coverage is required for the farmer and proof provided to the Township.

Maya van Rossum, Delaware Riverkeeper – She urged the board to not approve this until it is amended to mandate the use of chemical free practices for the farm.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to an article published in the Main Line Suburban Life titled *Residents Worry Over Herbicide Use at Ardrossan Farm*.

Motion passed 4-2 with Commissioner Booker and Curley opposed and Commissioner Nagle absent.

FINANCE & AUDIT

- B. From CARFAC - A motion authorizing the Township Manager to engage in the necessary discussion, reviews, and negotiations in an effort to produce recommendations to the Board of Commissioners to monetize all or any one of the following Township owned assets: The Township Building, the Public Works Facility, and/or the North Wayne Parking Lot and Senior Center

Commissioner Fisher made a motion for the Township Manager to proceed, seconded by Commissioner Curley.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and requested that the S. Wayne Lot be added to the list to be evaluated.

Public Comment

Chris Todd, WBA – He commented that the WBA is not against growth but is against losing parking and interruption to business.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote, motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed and Commissioner Nagle absent.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

- C. ~~120/124 Bloomingdale Avenue - Discussion of steep slopes and zoning with the Board of Commissioners~~ ***REMOVED FROM AGENDA PER THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR***

D. Resolution #2015-47 – (Final Approval) - Villanova University West End Zone Building/Butler Annex

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed, Commissioner Schaefer abstaining and Commissioner Nagle absent.

E. Stormwater Management Advisory Committee Update

Heather Gill, Chair – Stormwater Advisory Committee gave an update which can be found on the Township website at: <http://www.radnor.com/DocumentCenter/View/7987>.

There was a conversation amongst the Commissioners, Stormwater Management Committee and Staff in regards to the update given and moving forward.

F. Resolution #2015-46 - Authorization to Contract with CH2M Hill for Stormwater Program Billing, GIS, and Professional Services

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

There was further in depth discussion in regards to the tasks of the stormwater administrator and the GIS system.

Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to the Stormwater Advisory Committee and an email from one of the members.

Ken Taylor, Wayne – He commented in regards to the hiring of a stormwater administrator.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote, motion passed 4-2 with Commissioners Booker and Curley opposed and Commissioner Nagle absent.

G. Resolution #2015-48 - Authorization for an expenditure of up to \$60,000 for an Ithan Creek Watershed Assessment, with Authorization for \$500,000 to be Appropriated for the Remediation Efforts Determined by the Ithan Creek Watershed Assessment (By Request of the Stormwater Management Advisory Committee)

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

There was an in depth discussion amongst the Commissioners, representatives from the Stormwater Advisory Committee and Staff in regards to how to proceed with stormwater projects and where in the Township they would take place or whether a study is needed.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to amend the resolution to read:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Radnor Township does hereby provide authorization for an expenditure of up to \$60,000 for an Ithan Creek Watershed Assessment and remediation recommendation. Such assessment and remediation recommendation shall include at a minimum, RFP's for the following projects:

1. the Iven Avenue culvert
2. the lowpoint in front of the Radnor firehouse on S. Wayne Avenue
3. the flooding at the intersection of Banbury and Lancaster Avenue Seconded by

Motion seconded by Commissioner Curley.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote on the amended motion, motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Booker abstaining and Commissioner Nagle absent.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote on the original motion with the amendment. Motion passed 4-2 with Commissioners Booker & Curley opposed and Commissioner Nagle absent.

Public Comment

Charles Boschen, Ward 2 – He commented on the course of action the stormwater management advisory committee took when trying to prioritize the list of projects.

Maya van Rossum, S. Roberts Road – She commented in regards to her thoughts on how to proceed with stormwater projects. She read a statement left by other residents that needed to leave the meeting stating the stormwater management advisory committee needed more detailed analysis to make informed decisions.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to an email from a member of the stormwater management advisory committee as well as a facebook post on a community group called REM page.

H. Discussion and Possible Motion to Select Specific Stormwater Projects to be Funded

PARKS & RECREATION

- I. Resolution #2015 50—Authorizing the Township to remit \$187,150 to Radnor Wayne Little League for the construction of a comfort station at Encke Park along with other park site improvements (Funded by proceeds designated as part of the Radnor Township Building cell tower negotiations where funds have been identified specific to park improvements)*

This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

LIBRARY

None

PUBLIC HEALTH

None

Old Business

Commissioner Booker commented in regards to his frustrations with the Stormwater Fee and also commented in regards to the comments made at a past meeting by the chair of democratic committee.

New Business

Mr. Zienkowski announced that the annual Springeggstravaganza will be held on March 29th at 2 PM at Villanova University Stadium.

Public Participation

Charles Boschen, Ward 2 – He commented that ward 2 has benefited from the stormwater fees.

Ken Taylor, Wayne – He commented about reasons the Township had to implement the stormwater fee.

David Wood, S. Roberts Road – He commented in regards to the apology made at the last meeting and other comments made.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented briefly in regards to legal fee reimbursement for Commissioners' attorney fees as well as actions taken by the Ethics Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano