

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
***Minutes of Public Meeting of July 27, 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***

*James C. Higgins, Vice President*

*Richard F. Booker*

*Donald Curley*

*John Fisher – Absent*

*John Nagle*

*Elaine Schaefer*

***Also Present:*** *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development; and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

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

*Notice of Executive Session preceding the Board of Commissioners meeting of July 27, 2015*

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

Commissioner Higgins gave an overview of the process that will need to be taken to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward vacancy.

*Public Participation*

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to a conflict for Commissioner Schaefer on discussions involving the Radnor Township School District as her husband’s company contracts business with them.

Commissioner Schaefer stated that she will not participate in discussions pertaining to Radnor School District because her husband’s company conducts business with them.

Martin Heldring, Audubon Road – He commented in regards to whether candidates are eligible for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Interim Commissioner seat that are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward after the redistricting but were not prior.

*Interviews of Potential 3rd Ward Commissioner Candidates*

There was an in depth discussion amongst the Commissioners and the Township Solicitor on whether candidates that are running in the November election for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward should be appointed to fill the current vacancy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward seat. There was also a discussion on whether residents that were previously in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward prior to the redistricting but now reside in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward are eligible to be appointed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward vacancy. It is the opinion of the Township Solicitor that those residents are not eligible because according to the Township Charter the candidate needs to be a resident of the Ward for one year prior to appointment. The appointment that would take place on August 17, 2015 at the normal Board of Commissioners meeting would only be until the special election in November. It was agreed by majority of the Board to allow those candidates to present themselves.

*Public Comment*

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to his disagreement with the Township Solicitors opinions.

Dan Scolnick, S. Wayne Ave – He commented in regards to the Township Solicitors opinion on the residency requirement stated in the Charter to be appointed Commissioner.

Martin Heldring, Wayne – He commented in regards to his position of whether all applicants shall be able to be appointed or not.

Charlie Bohnenberger, Baron Gemmer, Harry Spiess, Jr. and Cheryl Tumola gave brief backgrounds of themselves to the Commissioners and the Commissioners in turn had a Q&A with each candidate.

Lucas Clark gave a brief overview of his position that a candidate who is on the ballot in November for election to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Commissioner seat should not be appointed as interim 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Commissioner.

The Commissioners gave their closing comments.

#### Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to comments made by candidates that are running for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Commissioner seat in the November election.

Linda Calio, Radnor – She commented in regards to her frustrations with the current Board of Commissioners.

Martin Heldring, Audubon – He commented in regards to comments made by Commissioner Higgins earlier in the meeting directed at him and asked for an apology.

Dr. Michael Crane - He commented that he wants the most qualified candidate to fill the vacancy and who will protect the taxpayers' dollars.

Commissioner Higgins apologized to Mr. Heldring for his comment made earlier in the meeting.

#### *Resolution #2015-78 - Opposing House Bill 809 Which Would Prohibit Student Housing Regulations*

Commissioners Higgins and Nagle gave a brief background of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Nagle made a motion approve, seconded by Commissioner Curley.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff about the resolution and the opposition of House Bill 809.

#### Public Comment

Sara Pilling, Garrett Avenue – She commented that there are 13 rental units on Garrett Avenue and there are more than 2 students per unit. She also commented that there will still be 875 Villanova students that will still continue to live in the neighborhoods.

Luke Clark, Midland Circle – He urged the Commissioners to contact the State Representative who has pushed for this bill.

Phil Ahr, Meredith Ave. – He spoke to his opposition of House Bill 809.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote, motion passed 5-0 with Commissioner Fisher absent.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Participation

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to Commissioner Schaefer’s conflict with Radnor Township School District and her husband’s company conducting business with RTSD; recent publicity about N. Wayne Field and recent right-to-know request filed by the Delaware Riverkeeper.

Sara Pilling, Garrett Avenue – She commented about her concerns with Villanova University’s Sewer plan.

Mr. Zienkowski commented that there is still work that needs to be done between Radnor Township and Lower Merion Township with the proposed sewer plan by Villanova University.

Jane Galli, Barcladen Road – She commented in regards to the sewage concerns with Villanova University’s proposed sewer plan. She also commented about the cost for the plans to be completed for the proposed basin at N. Wayne Field which the Township doesn’t own.

Toni Bailey, Conestoga Village - She commented in regards to her environmental concerns with the Villanova Development. She also commented about a quote that Commissioner Higgins cited earlier in the meeting.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jennifer DeStefano*