

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of November 9, 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, President
Richard F. Booker
Donald Curley*

*John Fisher, Vice President
John Nagle
Elaine Schaefer*

Also Present: *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; John Osborne, Township Treasurer; 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 Community Programming and Recreation; Amy Kaminski,, Traffic Engineer; Roger Philips, Township 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 November 9, 2015

All commissioners were in attendance at the November 9, 2015 executive session; where matters of personnel and litigation were discussed.

1. *Oath of Office to 3rd Ward Commissioner*

The Honorable Judge Ann A. Osborne administered the Oath of Office to Lucas A. Clark, Commissioner 3rd Ward of Radnor Township. Mr. Clark was joined by his wife Brittany and children.

2. *Presentation - Stormwater Management Advisory Committee*

Heather Gill, Chair Stormwater Advisory Committee as well as Dan Wible, CH2M made a brief presentation which can be found on the Township website at: <http://radnor.com/DocumentCenter/View/11729> followed by a discussion amongst the Commissioners with the agreement for the Stormwater Advisory Committee to reprioritize the projects in the proposed budget as well as work simultaneously on creating hydraulic models of before and after's.

3. *Public Participation*

Gail Morrison, Poplar Avenue – She is in support of the letter of intent for N. Wayne Field and would like to see the project completed.

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – She gave a brief update on the tree plantings at 115 Strafford Avenue.

Ken Taylor, Wayne – He inquired if Commissioner Booker has requested a ruling for an opinion from the State Ethics Commission in regards to a potential conflict.

Commissioner Booker commented that he has not made a request with the State Ethics Commission and that he does not have a conflict in regards to negotiations of N. Wayne Field.

Chris Todd, WBA – He gave a brief update that PECO has completed phase 2 on N. Wayne Avenue.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to public participation during the meeting; agenda structure; as well as N. Wayne Field.

Bill Bruno – He commented in regards to the urgency to move forward with the proposed stormwater basin as N. Wayne Field for the safety of the community.

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Disbursement Review and Approval: 2015-10D, 2015-10E, and 2015-10F
- b) Staff Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2015
- c) WBA request for Free Parking in Downtown Wayne on Saturday's in December
- d) Approval and Acceptance of meeting minutes October 12, 2015 & October 26, 2015
- e) Resolution #2015-113 - Authorizing the Township to Enter into an Agreement with the Woodlynde School for Gymnasium Usage for the 2015-2016 Winter Seasons for the Radnor Youth Basketball and Gryphon Volleyball Programs
- f) Resolution #2015-114 - Authorizing the Township to Approve Gymnasium Usage of Radnor Township School District Facilities for the 2015-2016 Winter Season for the Radnor Youth Basketball Program
 - g) Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness:
 - HARB-2015-18 – 421 Midland Avenue – One story addition for bedroom, bathroom and powder room.
 - HARB-2015-19 – 210 Poplar Avenue – Remodel exterior finishes, add master bedroom over existing great room, renovate 1st and 2nd floors, and install new windows and roof.

Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development requested for HARB certificate #2015-19 be removed and tabled this evening from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to approve absent HARB #2015-19, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 6-0.

- HARB-2015-19 – 210 Poplar Avenue - Remodel exterior finishes, add master bedroom over existing great room, renovate 1st and 2nd floors, and install new windows and roof.

Mr. Kochanski asked for the item to be tabled this evening and be brought back at the next meeting. Commissioner Curley made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 6-0

5. Committee Reports

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

- D. Resolution #2015-115 - Motion to Authorize Gilmore & Associates to Provide Preliminary Engineering in Accordance With the Grant Application for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ACT 89 Multimodal Transportation Funding Grant For a Sidewalk on North Wayne Avenue

Mr. Norcini stated that this would authorize Gilmore to provide preliminary engineering that is required for the grant application. This engineering, as well as completing the grant application, would cost \$31,700 as submitted by Gilmore & Associates. This fee is not reimbursable from the grant if awarded.

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

Commissioner Higgins gave a brief background on the neighbor's position and his to the construction of a sidewalk at this location.

There was a discussion in regards to adding other areas that are in need of sidewalks and that these items are added into the capital budget. Commissioner Curley requested that sidewalks and curbing to be installed at the Wawa property on Morris Road and include this project in the grant project.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to amend the resolution to increase the amount to \$36,700 to include surveying at the area discussed on Morris road in front of Wawa, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

Public Comment

Dena Honesty, N. Wayne Avenue – She is in support of the proposed project for the sidewalks.

Chris Ellis, Woodsworth Court – He is in support of the proposed sidewalk project.

Charlotte O'Donnell, Woodsworth Court – She is in support of the proposed sidewalk project.

Becky Nutall, W. Beechtree – She is in support of the proposed project.

Bill Knapp, Woodsworth Court – He commented that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic in this area and the dangers are significant for the need for sidewalks.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote on the amended motion, motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

E. Resolution #2015-116 – Motion to Authorize the Engineering Department to Apply for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ACT 89 Multimodal Transportation Funding Grant For a Sidewalk on North Wayne Avenue

This resolution will be moved to the following meeting.

A. 220 Lansdowne Avenue - Requesting a waiver for §245-22 of the Stormwater Management Ordinance
Representatives for the applicant made a brief presentation. The applicant is requesting a waiver of §245-22 of the Townships Stormwater Management Ordinance which requires the maximizing of the ground water recharge capacity of the area being developed. The applicant has conducted soil testing at 2 locations on the site, and the required percolation was not feasible due to mottled soils, high ground water and percolation testing results of zero. The applicant has made provisions for the installation of a rain garden to address volume management requirements due to the lack of percolation at the site.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Caucus - Preliminary/Final - Cottage at Valley Forge Flowers

Representatives for the applicant made a brief presentation. The applicant is proposing to construct a 589 SF connector building between two existing buildings within the shopping center. The project will be located in the consolidated parcels C&E and Parcel D.

Public Comment

Becky Nuttall – She commented in regards to the required additional parking spaces.

C. Letter of Intent - North Wayne Field

Commissioner Schaefer stated that she will not be participating in the conversation on this agenda item. Mr. Rice briefly reviewed the proposed letter of intent.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to direct staff to provide the letter of Intent to the Radnor Township School District, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

There was a discussion amongst Commissioners in regards to the effectiveness of the project and the next steps.

Public Comment

Becky Nutall, W. Beechtree Rd. - She commented in regards to her concerns with the project moving forward.

Ken Taylor, Willow Avenue – He commented in regards to his support of the project and the need to move forward with the completion.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards his concerns with proceeding with the process before Mr. Clark is able to take his seat as a Commissioner.

Patrick Harper, W. Beechtree – He commented about the use of the stormwater funds as well as his agreement with a comprehensive study of all watersheds.

Bill Bruno, Wayne – He commented about the urgency of this project for the safety of the residents.

Mike Feeley, Willow Avenue – He commented in regards to his support of the project.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote, motion passed 3-2 with Commissioner Booker and Curley opposed and Commissioner Schaefer’s recusal.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

F. Ordinance #2015-19 – (Introduction) - Fire Loss Reimbursement Claims and Procedures - Creating a New Chapter 183 of the Radnor Township Code, Fire Loss Reimbursement Claims and Procedures, that provides for the transfer of fire insurance proceeds to the Township for payment of delinquent taxes and other municipal claims or be held as security

John Rice, Township Solicitor briefly explained the above ordinance for introduction. The proposed Fire Loss Reimbursement Claims and Procedures Ordinance specifically provides that in cases where buildings within the Township experience fire losses, the insurance company for that property is directed to transfer the fire insurance proceeds to the Township to be held as security against any potential costs the Township incurs as a result of the fire. Some potential costs incurred by the Township as a result of the fire may include removal, repair, or securing of the building or other structure on the affected property. The proceeds may also be held by the Township for payment of delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties or other municipal claims against the property. By requiring the transfer of fire proceeds to the Township to be held as security, the ordinance aims to deter the commission of arson, to discourage the abandonment of property, and to prevent blight and deterioration of properties within the Township. There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff in regards to the proposed ordinance.

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

Public Comment

Ken Taylor, Willow Ave. – He is in support of the ordinance.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He inquired to other Townships that currently have a similar ordinance and urged the Board to have Solicitor Rice to provide that list.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote, motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to extend the meeting time for 30 minutes. Mr. Zienkowski asked the board to consider if they did not want to extend the meeting time there is a special Board of Commissioners meeting next Monday, November 16th with just the budget on the agenda along with one resolution for a grant application to allow more discussion time. The board was in agreement.

FINANCE & AUDIT

G. Public Hearing #2 - 2016 Township Manager Recommended Budget
None

PARKS & RECREATION

Commissioner Nagle announced Santa’s Delivery and that drop offs for gifts will take place on November 28, 2015. He also announced that Wednesday is Veteran’s Day and there is a ceremony at 11 AM at the Way Memorial.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

LIBRARY

None

PUBLIC HEALTH

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Participation

Jane Galli, Barcladen Road – She inquired about the student occupancy in the Villanova dorms as well as requested that the board assign an oversight committee for the Villanova project.

Commissioner Curley agreed that an oversight committee is needed for the project. Mr. Zienkowski commented that there will be a meeting with residents and other interested parties in regards to the project and he will have an independent inspection firm present to the board who would oversee the project with the fees

paid by Villanova. Commissioner Fisher would also like to see an Ad Hoc committee created to oversee the project.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to extend the meeting 30 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion passed 6-0.

There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners in regards to the overcrowding in the dorms at Villanova. Mr. Kochanski commented that the University is over occupancy and they will not allow inspections at this time; the Township is waiting for a response from the University in regards to the findings.

Toni Bailey – She inquired about the trees that are being prepared to be removed for parking at Villanova University and if they are authorized.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented that he hopes that presentations going forward are not in the beginning of the agenda and are appropriately placed on the agenda as well as his disagreement with previous comments made in regards to the Township opening themselves up for liability.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano