

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
**Minutes of Public Meeting of January 6, 2014**

*The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 8:00 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087*

**Commissioners Present**

*Elaine Schaefer, President  
John Fisher  
John Nagle  
William Spingler*

*James C. Higgins, Vice President  
Richard F. Booker  
Donald Curley*

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

Commissioner Schaefer announced that Resolution #2014-05 – Authorizing the purchase of emergency lighting equipment from J-Tech Emergency Lighting for two (2), Donated, 2014 Land Rovers (LR-4) for use with the Radnor Township Police Department’s new K-9 Unit and **Caucus** – Preliminary Plan Approval - 115 Strafford Avenue LLC are removed from the agenda for this evening.

*Public Participation*

Kate Long, Aldwyn Lane – She asked that the Board of Commissioners incorporate the recommended revisions by the Planning Commission made at their December 3, 2013 meeting to the CICD Ordinance.

Maya van Rossum, Delaware Riverkeeper – She commented that it is premature to move the CICD ordinance to a hearing. There are suggestions/comments that have not been implemented in regards to buffers for streams, open space obligations and enhanced stormwater requirements.

*Notice of Executive Session preceding the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 6, 2014*

All commissioners were in attendance, where matters of personnel were discussed.

*Presentation by the Environmental Advisory Council –Geese in Radnor Township*

Josh Hilbert, Chair and Dan Meir of the Environmental Advisory Council made a brief presentation in regards to Geese. Township Staff along with the Environmental Council will work together to start a menu of items in the spring.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting of December 16, 2013
- b) Disbursement Acceptance and Approval: 2013-12B, 2013-12C
- c) Resolution #2014-03 - Approval of Consultant to prepare the Forge to Refuge Trail Feasibility Study

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Motion passed 7-0.

**PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION**

Resolution #2014-07 – Setting the Zoning Hearing Board Members Terms

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution #2014-01 and Presentation for the Greater Philadelphia Regional Trail Network to connect the Circuit of 750 miles of multi-use trails in the 8-county Philadelphia region

John Fischer made a brief presentation in regards to the Greater Philadelphia Regional Trail Network to connect the Circuit of 750 miles of multi-use trails in the 8-county Philadelphia region.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution #2014-02 – Authorization to enter into a contract with Amanda Holt for a Redistricting Recommendation in Radnor Township

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Commissioner Schaefer explained that according to the Home Rule Charter we are overdue for a redistricting of wards; Amanda Holt will deliver a recommendation for the redistricting. There was a brief discussion among the Commissioners for clarification purposes.

Public Comment

Susan Stern – She stated that there is a scientific mathematical formula that she wanted to know if it was going to be used for the redistricting.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Booker abstaining.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ordinance #2013-17 – (Adoption) Amending Chapter 270, Vehicles and Traffic, Revising Section 270-16 Stop Intersections, Revising Section 270-34 Parking Permit Zones, and Revising Section 270-57 Parking Meter Zones Established

Commissioner Spingler moved to adopt Ordinance #2013-17, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 7-0.

*Resolution #2014-05 – Authorizing the purchase of emergency lighting equipment from J-Tech Emergency Lighting for two (2), Donated, 2014 Land Rovers (LR-4) for use with the Radnor Township Police Department’s new K-9 Unit*

This item was removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Schaefer announced that there will be a fundraiser at Flip & Bailey’s in Garrett Hill on January 11, 2014 from 4-7 for the K-9 Fundraising efforts.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

*Ordinance # 2013-21 - (Set Hearing Date) Amending Chapter 280 of the Radnor Township Code, Zoning Ordinance, by establishing regulations for a new Comprehensive Integrated College Development Use within the PI – Planned Institution District.*

Commissioner Nagle made a motion to revise the ordinance with implementing many of the Planning Commissions recommended changes, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Commissioner Fisher made a an additional motion to introduce the Radnor Township Planning Commission recommended ordinance that was authored by Peter Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Booker.

There was in depth conversation amongst the Commissioners, Staff and Township Solicitor in regards to set-backs, ROW, building configuration, pedestrian safety.

Nick Caniglia, Chris Kovolski and Bob Morro discussed the proposed ordinance and commented on Planning Commission recommended revisions. They stated that their population has decreased and the goal is to bring more students on campus.

Public Comment

Patti Barker – She commented that the public has not seen the document that is being discussed. She also discussed the set-backs. She asked that the Commissioners introduce the Planning Commissions draft ordinance.

Susan Stern – She commented that the Planning Commission recommended denial of the ordinance that was in front of them and then worked with Peter Nelson in regards to their suggested comments/revisions. She also discussed set-backs of the buildings proposed in the ordinance.

Roberta Winters – Please see comment attached.

Matthew Marshal, Walnut Avenue – He is concerned about the process and is disappointed that the Planning Commissions comments were not available to the public.

Rick Leonardi, Aldwyn Lane – He discussed set-backs that were proposed in May compared to what is proposed currently. He also discussed the widening of Lancaster Avenue.

AnneMarie Hessman, Barleycone Lane – She showed pictures from her backyard that backs to Pike Field with cars parked in the field, the Quality of Life, light spill and the traffic from events.

Philip Ahr, Meredith Avenue – He commented that the push back is the set-backs and size. They are to close for safety and scale.

Commissioner J. Higgins called the vote on Commissioner Fisher's motion, motion failed 2-4 with Commissioners Curley, Spingler, J. Higgins and Nagle opposed and Commissioner Schaefer abstaining.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to amend Commissioner Nagle's version to include 45 ft. setbacks, seconded by Commissioner Booker. Motion failed 2-4 with Commissioners Curley, Spingler, J. Higgins and Nagle opposed and Commissioner Schaefer abstaining.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to keep the Planning Commission's recommendation in regards to "*maximum impervious surface; i2 on Page 6*", seconded by Commissioner Booker. Motion failed 2-4 with Commissioners Curley, Spingler, J. Higgins and Nagle opposed and Commissioner Schaefer abstaining.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to keep all original wording to remain from the Planning Commission's recommendation in regards to "*special regulations; c3 on Page 7*", seconded by Commissioner Booker. Motion failed 2-4 with Commissioners Curley, Spingler, J. Higgins and Nagle opposed and Commissioner Schaefer abstaining.

Commissioner J. Higgins called the vote on Commissioner Nagle's motion, the motion passed 4-2 with Commissioner Fisher and Booker opposed and Commissioner Schaefer abstaining.

Commissioner Nagle moved to set a hearing date of February 10, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Motion passed 4-2 with Commissioner Booker and Fisher opposed and Commissioner Schaefer abstaining.

*Ordinance # 2013-20 - (Set Hearing Date) Amending Chapter 280 of the Radnor Township Code, Zoning Ordinance, by establishing regulations for a new Mixed-Use Special Transportation Development Use within the PLO – Planned Laboratory–Office District.*

Commissioner Spingler moved to set a hearing date of January 27, 2014, seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins.

Commissioner Booker made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion failed 2-5 with Commissioners Curley, Spingler, J. Higgins, Nagle and Schaefer opposed.

Commissioner Curley commented that he has a few substantive changes that he would like to see in the ordinance. He feels as though it is still too complex to understand, inadequate triggers (transient oriented development), parking (strong maximums), non market rate housing, elements that violate general planning, traffic modifications; so he does not see supporting this tonight.

Commissioner Schaefer discussed that in category 2 she would like to hear some discussion amongst the Planning Commission in regards to the shuttle system as an alternative method of transportation; she would also like to hear discussion on the ROW issue.

Commissioner Booker commented that his concerns are that the bonus density is still too high and the ROW should not be inclusive in the calculation of the floor area ratio.

Commissioner Fisher asked Kevin Kochanski to send to the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission the original approval for the property from 2007.

Public Comment

George Broseman, Attorney for Brandywine Realty – He is not in agreement of setting a hearing date on the proposed ordinance when the Planning Commission has already begun to review a prior draft.

Matt Marshall – He inquired about the rush of the process for the project.

Patti Barker – She also commented in regards to the rush for the project; it took 2 ½ years to pass the Garrett Hill Ordinance.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 4-3with Commissioner Booker, Curley and Fisher opposed.

***PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING***

*Resolution #2014-04 - Purchase of Public Works and Engineering Vehicles and Equipment*

Commissioner J. Higgins moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Schaefer requested that the Green Team is involved with the purchase of the Engineer vehicle.

*Caucus – Preliminary Plan Approval - 115 Strafford Avenue LLC*

This item was removed from the agenda.

***FINANCE & AUDIT***

None

***PARKS & RECREATION***

Commissioner Nagle asked for the public to check the Township website for upcoming events such as the Daddy Daughter Dance & the Murder Mystery Dinner & Fireworks. These are the Fireworks that have been rescheduled from the Holiday at the Willows.

***LIBRARY***

None

***PUBLIC HEALTH***

Commissioner Nagle commented that the Board of Health’s recommendation in regards to Geese was discussed earlier.

*Old Business*

None

*New Business*

Commissioner J. Higgins discussed that he received communication from a constituent in regards to parking permit fees and that they are very high for Senior Citizens. Superintendent Colarulo commented that they are working on drafting an ordinance so residents 65 and over will receive a discount on parking permits.

*Public Participation*

None

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jennifer DeStefano*

League of Women Voters of Radnor Township  
Public Comment to the  
Board of Commissioners  
January 6, 2014

Good evening. I am Roberta Winters, President of the League of Women Voters of Radnor Township, for whom I am speaking this evening.

The League of Women Voters of the United States, through study and positions adopted through consensus by local Leagues across the nation, promotes an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive.

As representatives of the wards within Radnor Township, you, as Board members are in a unique position to serve constituents through your legislative and executive authority. You also have exercised your power, as a body, to appoint advisory groups, such as the Planning Commission. Members of this Commission, have studied, heard comments, and reviewed applications before you this evening. The League strongly encourages you to incorporate their recommendations because they are:

- based on compatibility with the Commissioner-approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan;
- developed by a group whose members possess special knowledge of Pennsylvania's Municipal Planning Codes and related Subdivision and Land Development Codes;
- promote credibility in a system that best functions through advisory groups with special knowledge and expertise; and
- reflect the work of individuals with a Township-wide perspective rather than that which is perhaps limited to a given ward and the constituents whom they represent.

We trust your actions this evening will be responsive to both the Radnor Planning Commission and the will of the taxpayers who have given voice to their concerns with the expectation that such informed public participation will impact your decision making.