

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of February 24, 2014

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

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 Osborne, Treasurer; Patrick Armstrong, Grim, Bien & Thatcher, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works; Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation & Community Programming; Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development; Roger Phillips, P.E., Township Engineer; and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

Public Participation

Christina Perrone, Walnut Avenue – She will be submitting a Right to Know Request requesting the Solicitors legal opinion on whether there is a conflict to the CICD amongst a few commissioners.

Patti Barker – She requested if Mr. Zienkowski and Kevin Kochanski could forward the Friends to Preserve Radnor version of the MUST ordinance to all Planning Commission members & all parties involved at least one week prior to the Planning Commission meeting which this item will appear on their agenda.

Paul Hayes, Midland Avenue – He discussed his views and opinions in regard to Main Line Health & abortion.

Notice of Executive Session preceding and following the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 24, 2014

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

Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes for the Board of Commissioners meetings of February 10, 2014

b. Department Monthly Reports

c. Disbursement Acceptance & Approval: 2014-02A, 2014-02B

d. Staff Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes – January 2014

e. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness:

HARB 2014-01 – 311 Midland Avenue – Addition and garage

HARB 2014-02 – 920 Eagle Road – Renovation of sunroom; new 1 story addition at rear and removal of half round bay at rear of house.

HARB-2014-03 – 226 Upland Way – 1 story addition.

HARB-2014-04 – 200 Midland Ave - Renovation of rear breakfast/family room & office on 1st floor & new master suite above.

HARB-2014-06 – 439 Midland Avenue – Proposed patio and swimming pool, relocate entry to existing mud room.

HARB-2014-07 – 217 Walnut Avenue - Remove existing rear addition & construct new 2 story addition.

HARB-2014-08 – 321 St Davids Road – Reconstruction of existing 2.5 story home & new conforming 3 car detached garage.

HARB-2014-09 – 406 Woodland Avenue – Enclose existing rear 2 story porches; 1 story addition to rear & side elevations; front elevation renovations (porch & roof gable).

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 7-0.

Certificates of Recognition & Commendations of Merit

Recognition of Community Support to Stephen Bajus

Commissioner Schaefer along with Superintendent Colarulo and Kevin Kochanski presented a plaque of Recognition of Community Support to Lou Provost on behalf of Stephen Bajus.

Certificate of Recognition for Constable Michael Connor

Commissioner Schaefer and Superintendent Colarulo presented Delaware County Constable Michael Connor with a certificate of recognition for outstanding service to Radnor Township and the entire community.

Recognition of Robert Miccolis for 25 Years of Radnor Youth Basketball

Commissioner Schaefer & Tammy Cohen recognized Robert Miccolis for his initiative, efforts, and dedication to the Radnor Youth Basketball Program which has been a staple program in the Radnor Township Community for 25 Years. They thanked him for inspiring youth and adults in the community and positively impacting their recreational pursuits.

Recognition of the Radnor Hotel for their Sponsorship of the 3rd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

Recognition of the Carol H. Axelrod Memorial Blood Drive for their Sponsorship of the 3rd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

Recognition of the Saul Ewing for their Sponsorship of the 3rd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

Commissioner Schaefer & Tammy Cohen recognized the Radnor Hotel, Carol H. Axelrod Memorial Blood Drive & Saul Ewing for their sponsorship of the Daddy Daughter Dance.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(Motion to Table – No Discussion or Action – Future Date to Be Set) Ordinance # 2013-21 - (Adoption) 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

There was a brief discussion on hearing dates amongst Commissioners and Staff.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to set the hearing date for March 31, 2014 at 6:30 PM, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed and Commissioner Schaefer abstaining.

Public Comment

Christina Perrone, Walnut Avenue – She requested that the Solicitor render a legal opinion on whether there is a conflict of interest to the CICD amongst a few commissioners prior to the hearing date.

HARB-2014-05 – 138 Runnymede Avenue - Revised application (received approval at November 2013 meeting) renovation w/existing foot print and adding second floor

Commissioner Curley made a motion to affirm HARB's recommendation to deny the above Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution #2014-06 - Authorizing the purchase of forty (40) Kiosks, spare equipment and mounting of the new Kiosks, retrofit of four (4) existing kiosks to match the new units and all software and training from DEVO and Assoc., LLC for use in the management of Parking under the Parking Enforcement Unit of the Radnor Township Police Department

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

There was a brief discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff in regards to parking space numbering, sidewalk repair, staff cost/utilization and meter pole removal. Mr. Zienkowski requested if the Board would hold the resolution for costs to be calculated and presented at a later date.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to table the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Booker. Motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance #2014-01 - (Introduction) amending the Code of the Township of Radnor, Chapter 270, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 270-11, prohibited turns at intersections, Section 270-16, stop intersections and Section 270-28, parking prohibited at all times

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to introduce, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to Approve Agreement with Main Line Land Rover for the K-9 Unit Vehicle

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins.

There was a discussion on clarification of items listed in the agreement amongst the Commissioners and staff. Commissioners discussed changes to the agreement such as restricting the size of the graphics, whether the letter should state that the Township is making a purchase, filming of the units needing to be more detailed with restrictions and they would like the Solicitor to review the agreement prior to being executed.

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

Resolution #2014-17- Allow Free Parking throughout the Township on Sat., March 1, 2014

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

Sam Strike and few other Wayne Business Association members briefly discussed that allowing free parking on Saturday, March 1, 2014 would be good for business with all of the bad weather this year.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 4-3 with Commissioners Curley, J. Higgins and Nagle opposed.

Superintendent Colarulo announced that that the Radnor Township Police Dept. has been selected to receive the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's 2013 Aggressive Driving Enforcement Highway Safety Award. Officer Raymond Matus will travel to Pittsburgh to represent the Township.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

Motion to Reject All Proposals for the Adaptive Re-Use of the Willows Mansion/Cottage and/or Park Property

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to reject all proposals, seconded by Commissioner Curley.

Mr. Zienkowski gave a brief recap of the process that had incurred in regards to the future of the Willows. The Administration recommends proceeding with the Conroy Catering and if that is not still a viable option the Administration recommends rejecting all proposals and disassembling and taking down the Mansion. There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners in regards to being supportive of rejecting the proposals and going back out for Proposals. They also discussed that financially backing renovations/restorations is not a good idea. Commissioner Higgins stated that he is opposed to razing the mansion. Mr. White gave a recap of the current proposal financially by Conroy Catering. Mr. Zienkowski asked for clear and direct direction for staff to move forward.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Spingler opposed.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion for staff to prepare a new RFP that is aligned with the other proposals received prior, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to amend the above motion that the RFP's include an all residential option and Bed & Breakfast option as well to only the Mansion and any auxiliary space around the mansion, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 5-2 with Spingler and J. Higgins opposed.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote for staff to prepare a new RFP. Motion passed 4-3 with Commissioners Booker, Curley and Spingler opposed.

Public Comment

Sara Armstrong – She commented in regards to whether the Willows actually carried itself in the past.

Resolution #2014-18 - Establishing a Policy of Submission of Information to Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Fisher explained the purpose of the resolution; administration is looking for guidance on policy & process of submission of documents/exhibits being submitted to the Township and timing of them. There was also a revised resolution given to the Commissioners with a few recommendations of changes. Commissioner Fisher suggested amending the Administrative Code. There was a discussion in regards to the proposed changes to the resolution by staff.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve with the following amendment to be made on the redlined version that was given to the Commissioners with edits by staff for Paragraph 2 to read –

“Citizen/Interested Party Submissions -All citizen or interested parties' written submissions shall be filed with the Township Secretary not less than seven (7) days prior to a scheduled meeting at which the information is to be considered. Information may also be submitted in writing at the scheduled meeting but that information may or may not be considered.” Motion seconded by Schaefer.

Commissioner Booker stated that we should not limit the public on when they can submit something to the Township. The Township needs to control what the official copy/version that is being discussed.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion failed 2-5 with Commissioner Booker, Curley, Spingler, J. Higgins and Nagle opposed.

Commissioner Fisher would like to direct the Township Secretary to distribute any and all documentation that comes in directly to the appropriate Board & Commissions, Board of Commissioners and post to the Township website.

Public Comment

Rick Barker, Lewis Lane – He discussed his frustrations with the process and noted sections in the Home Rule Charter. He also commented that versions of the ordinance submitted by Friends to Preserve Radnor were submitted per the instructions of Mr. Kochanski. Also, he believes that documents should be submitted to the Township Manager and circulated.

Jim Schneller, St. David’s – He stated his opposition to the resolution.

Patti Barker, Lewis Lane – She commented that the citizens of Radnor Township are the applicants in regards to these ordinances; BioMed and Villanova are the authors.

Diane Edbril, Spruce Tree Road – Commented that she is happy that the Township is working on a policy for the circulation and submission of input; she commented on a few suggestions to the resolution.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

Update on Storm Clean-up (Brush and Tree Program)

Steve Norcini gave a brief presentation in regards to storm clean-up. He recommended the following which would be a collaboration of contractors (approx. \$9,500/ week) and Township Employees:

- All limbs/branches must be placed curbside no later than March 16, 2014.
- The Township will collect logs/limbs up to 14” in diameter
- Branches/logs shall be no longer than 2 feet in length,
- Branches/logs will be stacked within one foot behind the curb or edge of paving

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment

Jim Giegerich – He is in favor of hiring a contractor to help but would like to see if it is possible to pay an additional fee to the contractors to back their chipper up residents driveways that are very long.

Mr. Norcini commented that by allowing that to happen would open the Township up to a liability of damaging properties.

PARKS & RECREATION

Acknowledgement of receipt of payment (one of two annually) from the Agnes Irwin School for their ongoing usage of Radnor Memorial Turf Field in the amount of \$17,000 (\$35,000 is received annually)

Commissioner Nagle acknowledged the receipt of one of the payments received by Agnes Irwin for the partnership with Radnor Memorial Field. Tammy Cohen recognized the partnership with Agnes Irwin as well and the great working relationship with Agnes Irwin and the use of the field by area groups.

Tammy Cohen also announced that on February 26, 2014 there will be Clem Macrone Master Plan update public meeting at Radnor United Methodist Church; Also March 13, 2014 at the Parks & Recreation Board meeting there will be a look at the concept plan for Veterans Park.

She also commented that the Recreation Department won the PA State Recreation and Parks Society Award for the Pumpkin Patch Event.

FINANCE & AUDIT

None

LIBRARY

None

PUBLIC HEALTH

None

Old Business

Commissioner Fisher commented that at the Commissioners Goal Setting Session that discussed the concept of having a handbook for Board & Commissions. He would like to recommend that the personnel committee along with the chairs of the Boards & Commissions hold a working session to complete the handbook; when it is completed that this is distributed to all members of Boards & Commissions and given to new members when appointed.

New Business

None

Public Participation

John Osborne, Treasurer – He suggested that instead of pulling the meter polls they are cut flush with the sidewalk and filled with concrete; also potentially hanging kiosks on walls of businesses.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano