

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of December 15, 2014

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 6:45 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; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William A. Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works; Roger Phillips, P.E., Township Engineer; Amy Kaminski, Township Traffic Engineer and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.

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

Commissioner Nagle read an email that he sent to Dan Sherry this morning which read: I would like to express my sincere apologies to Dan Sherry for my outburst at the last Commissioners Meeting. What I said was a result of frustration and was not directed towards anyone in particular. I intend to work on my self-control in the future and to make a concerted effort to increase the civil discourse among the Board of Commissioners and with township residents. I am firmly committed to assuring that the public has an ample opportunity to speak on matters before the Board. John Nagle, Commissioner Ward 5

Commissioner Schaefer commented in regards to the request from Commissioner Fisher for discussion on the conditional use decision to be placed on the agenda; it will be on the very first meeting in January for discussion. She also announced that the Special Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for December 22, 2014 is cancelled as the ordinance will not be adopted.

Public Participation

Dan Sherry, Wayne – Commented in regards to Commissioner Nagle’s apology previously stated in the meeting and an incident that had occurred at a previous Board of Commissioners meeting.

Jim Yannopolus, Braxton Road – He commented that he is supportive and appreciative that the Board of Commissioners will discuss the Conditional Use Decision process at their next meeting.

Sara Pilling, Garrett Hill – She commented in regards to the behavior of the Commissioners.

Christina Perrone – She commented in regards to the Conditional Use Decision Process not being on tonight’s agenda.

Toni Bailey, Rosemont – She read a statement in regards to the behavior of the Board of Commissioners. She also asked for the immediate resignation of Commissioner Nagle.

Notice of Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners meeting of December 8, 2014

All commissioners were in attendance for both meetings, where matters of personnel and litigation were discussed.

1. Consent Agenda

- a) Disbursement Review and Approval: 2014-12A
- b) Acceptance of Department Monthly Reports
- ~~e) Approval of minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting of November 10, 2014, November 18, 2014 & November 24, 2014~~
- d) Setting the 2015 Radnor Township Holiday Schedule
- e) Resolution #2014-120 - Awarding contract #B-14-011, Purchase of Gasoline & Diesel Fuel
- f) Approval and Acceptance of the 2015 Meeting Dates

Commissioner Curley requested that item c be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item c, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 7-0.

- ~~c) Approval of minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting of November 10, 2014, November 18, 2014 & November 24, 2014~~

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Curley commented in regards to the minutes of November 10, 2014, page 5 under new business; his understanding was that there was action taken however the minutes do not reflect that. The November 10, 2014 meeting minutes will be removed for approval to review the video and will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to approve the November 18, 2014 & November 24, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Recognition of the Birth Center

Commissioner Nagle presented certificate in recognition the Birth Center located in Bryn Mawr for the birth of their 10,000 baby. Kathryn Boockvar and Sarah Evans from the Birth Center were in attendance to receive the certificate. Kathryn Boockvar said a few words.

3. Swearing in of Police Officer - Joshua A. Alexander

Superintendent of Police, William Colarulo named into record the following name to be sworn in as Radnor Police Officer, Joshua A. Alexander.

Superintendent Colarulo called for the presentation of the colors. The Honorable Ann Osborne, Judge, swore in the new officer to the Radnor Police Department with him reciting the oath of office. Superintendent Colarulo presented him with his Police Badge to have pinned by family members. Superintendent Colarulo called for the retirement of the colors.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. *Ordinance #2014-20 – (Introduction) - Authorizing a handicapped parking space on the north side of Dreer Lane and Williams Road*

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to introduce, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Superintendent Colarulo gave a brief explanation of the ordinance.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

B. *Resolution #2014-124 – Approving the Final Greenways & Open Space Plan*

Commissioner Curley made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. There was a brief discussion amongst Commissioners and staff thanking the Committee for their work.

Public Comment

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – She would like to see a mailer to residents for explanation of the open space fund.

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

C. *Discussion of Extending the Greenways and Open Space Network Committee*

Mr. Zienkowski requested that the Greenways and Open Space Network Committee be extended to begin implementing the Greenways and Open Space Plan. There was brief discussion in regards to the committee.

Commissioner Curley made a motion for staff to produce a resolution that continues the Greenways and Open Space Network Committee and has them report to Parks & Recreation Board and defines a narrow scope that involves implementation and prioritization of projects within the Greenways & Open Space Plan, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

D. *Caucus – (Preliminary/Final) (per applicants request) - Villanova West End Zone Building*

Commissioner Schaefer commented that she will recuse herself from this item as she has a conflict.

Karen McManuels, Civil Engineer on behalf of Villanova discussed the project. The applicant is asking for approval as a Preliminary/Final.

There was an in depth conversation amongst the Commissioners, staff and the applicant in regards to the project. The majority of the Commissioners were in agreement to separate preliminary/final approval.

Public Comment

Christina Perrone - She commented in regards to zoning variance for a nonconformity, encroachment and her appreciation of majority of the Commissioners wanting to split the preliminary/final approval.

Sara Pilling, Garrett Hill – She commented in regards to the meeting that Villanova University held this past summer for residents about the above project.

E. Update of Public Works Projects

Steve Norcini gave a brief update on the below projects:

North Wayne Field Basin - Preliminary Design for Township review – January 16, 2015; Project out to bid June 15, 2015; Project substantially complete – December 31, 2015.

South Wayne/School Lane/Runnymede/Wyndermere - CVE to have preliminary report by early February, 2015.

Wayne Train Station Lot - The Township received \$100,000 from SEPTA for Construction, with the Township paying for design; CVE is no longer working on this; The Township has received a NTE cost proposal in the amount of \$19,280 from Gannett Fleming for design; I request we authorize Gannett Fleming to move forward on this design.

There was an in depth discussion in regards to discussions with the School District who currently owns N. Wayne Field and the Township leases from, funding for the S. Wayne/School Lane project, whether Chagrin Valley Engineers or Gannett Fleming continue with the projects, Stormwater Management Advisory Committee to review the current projects and give the priority of projects to the Board and staff to have a resolution at the next meeting for the Board to approve Gannett Fleming to move forward on the design for the Wayne Train Station Lot project. There was a brief discussion in regards to what items the Stormwater Management Advisory Committee are currently working on and how the Board of Commissioners would like to see them proceed.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

None

FINANCE & AUDIT

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Commissioner Nagle commented that the Santa Delivery was a great success this past weekend.

LIBRARY

Commissioner Booker commented that the next Board of Trustee meeting is December 18, 2014.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Nagle commented that at the Board of Health meeting earlier this evening had a presentation by the President of Bryn Mawr Hospital discussing that the hospital will close their Cardiac Thoracic Department and what their plan is moving forward. Also, a Health Alert that was circulated in regards to Shigellosis.

Old Business

Commissioner Schaefer reiterated that the Special Board of Commissioners scheduled for December 22, 2014 is canceled as the ordinance that was to be adopted is no longer needed. Michael Wolfe explained the reasons that the millage increase is not needed which was originally proposed for the purchase of Ardrossan. A discussion followed amongst the Commissioners and Mr. Wolfe.

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to cancel the scheduled hearing originally scheduled for December 22, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Higgins.

Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to the reasons for the cancellation of the scheduled meeting.

Christina Perrone – She commented in regards to the cancellation of the December 22, 2014 and the funding that will be in place for the debt that will be incurred for the purchase of Ardrossan.

Sara Pilling, Garrett Hill – She commented that as a senior citizen she would prefer to know how to budget for tax increases. She would like to see the tax increase levied.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote to cancel the December 22, 2014 Special Board of Commissioners meeting, motion passed 4-3 with Commissioners Booker, Curley and Fisher opposed.

New Business

- Discussion of Trash Collection Procedures & Process

Mr. Zienkowski commented that Administration will be working with the Public Works Department to educate the residents in regards to what is proper to place in the recycling, trash, solid waste, etc.

- Update on the PILOT Program from the Township Manager

Mr. Zienkowski commented that in regards to the PILOT program, staff met with representatives from Cabrini, Eastern and Villanova and agreed to meet again in January to continue discussions and develop alternatives acceptable and agreeable to all parties. As soon as we have something we will bring it back to the Board for further discussion.

Commissioner Fisher commented in regards to discussions about conditional use decisions being discussed in executive session. He did agree that this item could wait to be discussed in January so that the Township Solicitor had adequate time to prepare his legal arguments and position. A brief discussion continued in regards to this item amongst the Commissioners.

Public Participation

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to the conditional use decision being discussed in executive session; Commissioner Nagle's apology from earlier in the meeting; and an article that appeared in the newspaper today.

Christina Perrone – She commented in regards to the Executive Session held to discuss the Conditional Use Decision and which plans the Zoning Officer reviews.

Jane Galli, Rosemont – She commented in regards to the process taken in regards to the Conditional Use Decision.

Phil Ahr, Meredith Avenue – He thanked the Board for their approval of the Greenways and Open Space Plan and extending the Open Space Network Committee. He also commented in regards to the process taken for the Conditional Use Decision.

Toni Bailey – She read a statement pertaining to the procedures of Commissioners meetings and also commented about Commissioner Nagle continuation on the board.

Roberta Winters – She commented in regards to past behaviors of Board members.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano