

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of October 28, 2013

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 7:30 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 - Absent

James C. Higgins, Vice President

Kevin G. Higgins

Donald Curley

Also Present: *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Osborne, Treasurer; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director; Tammy Cohen, Director of Community Programming & Recreation; 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

Public Participation

Sara Armstrong – She commented on the article that was published in the paper addressing the alarmist rumors about Ardrossan. She would like to ask the Board tonight to consider the 1991 Parks, Rec and Open Space Plan. She would like to see a vote of referendum.

Philip Wilson, Church Road – He would like to see Ardrossan remain as it is but knows that change will happen. He would like to know where in the process the Township is and that processes are being followed and the timeframe.

Commissioner Schaefer stated that the Open Space Policy is being followed, it has been in front of the Open Space Committee and they have made a recommendation with a worksheet completed. They are nearing the conclusions of negotiations and in the first half of November there will be something to present and when that happens every bit of material will be on the website for review. After that there will be an introduction of an ordinance with hearings following. If after that we are in agreement it will go to a vote. Once it is public, there will be certain analysis being completed to inform their decision.

Al Phelan – He inquired if any appraisals had been completed of the parcels that are proposed to be purchased and if it was by a qualified appraiser.

Chet Harrington, Newtown Road – He questioned if there had been appraisals completed and also in regards to the traffic study being redone by PennDot. The public is adamant about the facts becoming public and would like an extension of time to be considered.

Diane Edbril, Spruce Tree Road – She stated that it seems that the Township is acting inconsistently, that in one corner of the Township preserving open space and in Ward 2 greatly increasing the density.

Rich Booker – He discussed the comments in the article from Commissioner Schaefer in Radnor Patch. Residents are concerned that there will not be enough time for them to consider the acquisition. The acquisition needs to be placed in a voter referendum.

Martin Heldring, Audubon Road – He inquired what the Boards position was to a referendum.

Rob Murdocca – He inquired what criteria was used to select the appraisers, what is being negotiated and what consideration has each Commissioner given on the article in the paper in regards to the school enrollment decline.

Vazil, Newtown Road – This is the most strategic decision that the Township will make. He would like to see this put to referendum.

Roberta Winters, LWV – She stated that it is imperative that the public understands the Sunshine Law.

Lisa Furey, Inverary Road – She inquired if there was a reason that there was not going to have another Referendum.

Notice of Executive Session preceding the Board of Commissioners meeting of
October 28, 2013

All commissioners were in attendance with the exception of Commissioner Spingler as he was absent from the meeting, where matters of personnel, litigation and real estate were discussed.

Approval of minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 26, 2013

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner K. Higgins asked for item “b” is removed from the Consent Agenda. Baron Gemmer asked for item “a” is removed from the Consent Agenda.

Resolution #2013-132 - Garrett Hill Implementation Committee One (1) Year Extension

Commissioner Curley made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

Acceptance of Staff Traffic Meeting Minutes September 18, 2013 & October 16, 2013

Baron Gemmer – He inquired about the consideration of Roberts Road becoming a one way street at a particular section.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

Motion for authorization to receive bids to replace all existing parking meters throughout Radnor Township with kiosks that would accept credit cards/coin/bill and cellular payments

Commissioner K. Higgins inquired with Mr. White that he would need a financial layout to be sure that this is a wise decision.

Superintendent Colarulo explained that 677 parking meters are in service today. Of those 677 meters, only 74 were purchased later than 1995. The Police Department is requesting to receive bids for a vendor that can provide the kiosks at a highly competitive price, which will allow parking enforcement officers to work more efficiently while providing the highest level of services to the community and business district.

After conversation in regards to fiscal impact, receiving the first 10 minutes of parking free, pay by web and the service to the community, Commissioner Curley made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

Public Comment

Rich Booker, Belrose Lane – He does not believe that we should continue ahead with kiosks. He does not recommend taking this on, this is not a convenience.

Al Phelan – He is apprehensive in regards to the kiosks and he thinks it would be hard on older people.

Diane Edbril – She is not in agreement with proceeding forward with kiosks.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

Motion to accept Department Monthly Reports

Commissioner Nagle made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins.

Commissioner Fisher briefly highlighted the items listed in each of the Departments. The Township performs majority of the quality of life services. We continue to do more and more with less. Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 5-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent and Commissioner Nagle not in the room.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ordinance #2013-17 – (Introduction) Amending the Code of the Township of Radnor, Chapter 270, Vehicles and Traffic, Revising Sections 270-16 Stop Intersections, 270-28 Parking Prohibited At All Times, 270-29 Parking Prohibited Certain Hours, 270-31 Special Purpose Parking Zones and 270-57 Parking Meter Zones Established

Commissioner J. Higgins made a motion to introduce, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

There was a conversation amongst the Commissioners and Staff in regards to the above ordinance that it is difficult for Fire trucks to make the turns or stabilize the truck for use of the ladder on the streets that are being recommended for one side street parking.

Public Comment

Jim Caniglia, Barcladen Road – He is opposed to the ordinance.

Jim Riley – He commented that even if you removed parking on both sides of Debaran the Fire truck still could not turn around.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #2013-130 - Amendment to the Township Manager’s Employment Contract

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

Commissioner Schaefer stated that she sees this as a very meaningful gesture. Commissioner J. Higgins agreed that it is a great gesture and is appreciated.

Public Comment

Rich Booker – This is very commendable for Mr. Zienkowski to volunteer to be excluded from the Township pension plan.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

FINANCE & AUDIT

Disbursement Review and Approval: 2013-10B, 2013-10C

Commissioner K. Higgins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

Resolution #2013-129 - Allocation of \$8.0M Settlement and Establishment of Special Revenue Fund to account and report on the activity

Commissioner K. Higgins explained that the following would be allocated as follows:

Funding Priority	Amount
Pension Funds	\$ 2,701,690
Capital Fund	2,618,310
Storm Water Fund	1,230,000
Operational Efficiency Projects:	
Parking Kiosk Program	450,000
Enterprise Resource Planning (software) Program	1,000,000
Total	<u>\$ 8,000,000</u>

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

Public Comment

Sara Pilling – She commented that she has great concern about Ardrossan. She would like to ask that whichever part of Ardrossan is purchased that some of the funds could come out of this \$8M which would result in less of a financial burden on the citizens.

Jim Schneller – He would like to see some of the money is placed into the fountain at St. David's Park and the parking lot behind the post office.

After discussion in regards to the allocation to the Willows to replace the waterline replacement and bridge; the Enterprise Resource Planning Software that will be used by all departments, Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

Resolution #2013-131 - Board approval of the 2014 Recommended Comprehensive Budget (previously submitted as the Township Manager Recommended 2014 Budget), subject to further review and amendment prior to final approval. Charter §7.06(A)(2)

Commissioner K. Higgins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Curley.

Mr. White gave a brief presentation of the 2014 Recommended Comprehensive Budget which can be found of the Township website at:

http://www.radnor.com/egov/docs/1383054124_439483.pdf.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Spingler absent.

PARKS & RECREATION

Commissioner Nagle discussed how last year students from St. Katharine's did investigation on veterans on the War Memorial. This year they have continued this and have researched 9 Vietnam Veterans. The displays will be on display in the Township Building for the public to see.

Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation and Community Programming a few of her departments past events such as the Great Pumpkin Patch which over 4000 people attended, Trick-or-Treat event at the Township Building and the Radnor Run which had 674 participants. She also wanted everyone to know that registration for basketball is now open.

Commissioner Nagle also discussed that 71 new trees have been placed at the Willows along the stream and more will be planted in the Spring.

LIBRARY - None
PUBLIC HEALTH - None
PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

Mr. Zienkowski wanted to recognize the township trash crew. A few years ago they had 36 full-time and 6 part-time employees and today they are at 16 full-time and 6 part-time employees and they continue to do a great job.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - None

Old Business

None

New Business

115 Strafford Conditional Use Decision

Public Comment

George Broseman, Attorney for Applicant – Condition #1 - they have asked that the recommendation of the Shade Tree Commission be simplified; in regards to #4 of the order – they feel as though it should not be deducted; and they are not in agreement with condition #5. Bo Erixxson, Applicant commented that condition #4 is counter intuitive.

Jim Greenfield, Attorney for Strafford Office Buildings – This plan leaves no room for any plantings for the property to the North. This is a very intensive plan for this property.

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – The neighbors have come to an agreement and have worked very hard with the developer to come to mutually acceptable plan.

John Rice stated that what is in front of the Board tonight is only a Conditional Use decision. Mr. Rice read into record the proposed order that is before the board which is an approval of the proposed use subject to six conditions which are: 1. All existing mature trees onsite shall be preserved unless the Township's Shade Tree Commission and/or its arborist determines that the trees are diseased or otherwise unable to be preserved as part of the proposed project. 2. The Applicant shall install sidewalks and curbing along the subject property's Strafford Avenue road frontage in order to connect with existing sidewalks on Strafford Avenue. 3. Hardscaped sidewalks and curbing shall be installed along the main drive access road to the site from Strafford Avenue in a location to be approved by the Township Engineer during any land development plan filed for the property. 4. The Applicant shall not receive credit for the proposed .320 acres of proposed common open space from its required open space calculation due to the presence of structural and/or non-structural BMPs, inlet drains and other areas underlain with stormwater piping in this area and shall provide additional open space of .320 acres within the site. 5. The Applicant shall connect its proposed stormwater system to an off-site connection point as set forth on Township Exhibit T-4 and as directed by the Township Engineer during the land development process. 6. The Applicant shall pay the outstanding Shade Tree Ordinance violations as set forth on Township Exhibit T-1 in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Commissioner Nagle made the motion to approve, Commissioner J. Higgins seconded.

Commissioner Nagle made a motion to amend the original motion to delete condition #4, seconded by Commissioner K. Higgins.

After brief conversation amongst the Commissioners in regards to striking condition #4, Commissioner Schaefer called the vote on the amendment. Motion failed 2-4 with Commissioner Curley, Schaefer, J. Higgins and Fisher opposed and Commissioner Spingler absent.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote on the original motion, motion passed 4-2 with Commissioner K. Higgins and Nagle opposed and Commissioner Spingler absent.

Public Participation

Sara Pilling, Garrett Hill – She asked if the agenda's for all Boards and Commissions be placed on the Township website ahead of time so the public is aware of the items up for discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano