

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of March 26, 2012

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 7:20 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Commissioners Present

Elaine P. Schaefer, Vice President
James C. Higgins
Kevin G. Higgins

John Fisher
Donald Curley
Absent:
William Spingler, President
John C. Nagle

Also Present: *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works, David Leh, P.E., Township Engineer, Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to Township Manager.*

Vice-President Schaefer called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

Ann Albright, Secretary, League of Women Voters read a document asking Radnor Township Board of Commissioners to enact an antidiscrimination ordinance which prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual identity or gender-identification.

Commissioner Fisher responded that the Personnel Committee has met in regards to the above and has asked the Solicitor to give them pros and cons for this matter.

Sara Pilling, Garrett Hill – Presented photos of the progression at Skunk Hollow garden. There are now 41 plots. There may be room for 1 or 2 more plots.

Commissioner Schaefer and Commissioner Fisher thanked Sara Pilling and all of the gardeners at Skunk Hollow for all of their hard work.

*Notice of Executive Session preceding the Board of Commissioners meeting of
March 26, 2012*

All commissioners were in attendance with the exception of Commissioner Spingler and Nagle, where Matters of personnel, real estate and litigation were discussed.

Approval of minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 12, 2012 (Regular Meeting), February 21, 2012 (Special Meeting) and March 19, 2012 (Regular Meeting)

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Motion to accept Departmental Reports

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Historic Plaque Program for Commercial Properties Presented by Radnor Historical Society

Andrea Pilling and Gregg Pritchard made a presentation in regards to the Historic Plaque Program for Commercial Properties on behalf of the Radnor Historical Society.

Commissioner Schaefer wanted to thank the Radnor Historical Society, homeowners and landowners for all their hard work.

Motion to authorize the following items to receive bids:

Fire protection (sprinkler system) and building code upgrades at the Willows Cottage and Mansion

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Cleaning and Repair of the Underground Stormwater Management System at North Wayne Field

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Roof replacement and building code upgrades at the Sulpizio Gymnasium at the Radnor Activity Center

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Collection of ACT 511 revenue; Evaluation of Possibility of Outsourcing

Commissioner J. Higgins moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer.

Bill White, Finance Director briefly described ACT 511 that it consists of several revenues that the Township receives. It includes realty transfer tax (which is not what we are looking to outsource), business privilege tax, mercantile tax, local services tax and amusement tax. We are asking for the business privilege tax, mercantile tax and local services tax to be outsourced.

Public Comment

Jim Schneller, St. David's – Wanted to register his opinion that he would like to see this kept in house.

Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Repair of the Public Works Fuel Facility

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

Resolution #2012-40 - Award the contract for the Purchase of Landscape Mulch, contract #B-12-001

Commissioner J. Higgins moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Commissioner K. Higgins inquired why we were not using the mulch that the Township chips. Mr. Norcini responded that it does not have the same look but he will use some in test spots throughout the Township.

FINANCE & AUDIT

Schedule of Bills Payable/Disbursement List #2012-3B

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Motion to approve Business Privilege Tax Settlement agreement – 2012-BPT-01

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Fisher commented that under ACT50 we are not allowed to disclose the taxpayer.

Ordinance #2012-03 - Authorizing the Incurrence of non-electoral, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 to (A) Finance the current refunding of the Township's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007; and (B) pay the costs and expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds

Bill White, Finance Director introduced Michael Wolfe from Boenning & Scattergood who made a presentation on the details of the Ordinance. After in depth conversation, Commissioner Fisher moved to adopt the Ordinance and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Commissioner J. Higgins amended the motion to amend Articles 4, 7 and 17 to delete references to the Township Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and motion was seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 5-0 with Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Public Participation

Martin Heldring, Audubon Avenue - Inquired on the purpose of the original 2007 bond was and he is under the impression that it is Municipal building. Also he inquired whether unfunded pension liabilities and healthcare costs were part of the conversations with Moody's. Bill White replied yes and in full detail.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION*Resolution #2012-39 - Opposing the proposed realignment of Magisterial Districts for Radnor Township*

Commissioner K. Higgins moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*Resolution #2012-41 - Authorizing Part Time Third Party Code Inspection Services by Keystone Municipal Services Inc.*

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Resolution #2012-38 - SD # 2012-D-01 (Final) Agnes Irwin School to place temporary facilities to allow relocation while approved development occurs at 295 S. Ithan Ave., Rosemont, Pa.

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner K. Higgins. Motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Schaefer recusal. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Adoption of Ordinance 2012-02 of Radnor Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Amending Chapter 120, Bathing Places, Public, Article III, Swimming Pools, § 120-13, of the Code of Radnor Township to Provide for Certified Lifeguards for Public Swimming Pools.

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting. Commissioner J. Higgins asked whether all public bathing facilities in the township must have lifeguards. Mr. Kochanski stated yes, they must.

Authorization for John Rice to attend the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting on behalf of the Township

Commissioner Curley inquired about the reason Solicitor Rice is needed at the meeting. Kevin Kochanski responded that if you recall the zoning interpretation of 40 Louella Court, there is a group of residents that have appealed that interpretation to Zoning Hearing Board.

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

HARB 2012-04 301 Midland Avenue, Wayne – New roof and column above existing steps at side entrance

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

HARB 2012-05 40 Louella Court, Wayne – Exterior renovations to include:

- *enclose porches on West end of building;*
- *remove existing coal chute basement access; remove two existing at grade windows, and remove existing “Bilco” basement access on North side of building*
- *relocate and replace two windows on North side of building*
- *applicant will also discuss/disclose additional renovations not applicable to HARB approval*

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner K. Higgins.

Commissioner J. Higgins commented that he believes that by the Board’s previous approval the issues have been resolved in regards to the substance of the development. He will vote in favor of this since HARB has approved.

Commissioner Schaefer inquired about the roof line protrusion due to an elevator being installed. Tim Wentz, Applicants Architect, replied that the elevator shaft will not be higher than the current height of the existing structure.

After brief conversation the motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Public Comment

Jim Schneller, St. David’s – Would like to see this tabled because he believes that the HARB recommendation is too wide open.

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Commissioner Schaefer announced the following events:

- Spring Eggstravaganza Community Event will take place on Sunday, April 1st, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Clem Macrone Park. Fun for the family including egg hunts, band, bounce houses, “Easter/Spring” Bunny, Phillies Mascot Screwball & more! See attached flyer.
- Spring Break Camps Available for next week – Chess Camp will be held April 2 to 5 at the Willows Mansion; Soccer Camp will be held April 2 to 6 at Dittmar Park. Register soon!

- Registration for Radnor Day Camp & Summer Tot-Lot Pre-School Camp is currently open & we are featuring a first for our Department with these two programs only – online registration! Check it out on the website at www.radnorrecreation.com. All other summer camp registration & details will be available on Monday, April 30th.
- Be on the lookout for the Official Radnor Township Newsletter Spring Edition in your mailbox after April 2nd.

LIBRARY

The annual fundraising Gala is on April 20, 2012 at the Ardrossan Estate. If you did not receive an invitation in the mail you can download one from the website.

There is also an opening on the Library Board of Trustees and one on the Township Library Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Board of Health and the EAC are both reviewing the use of Herbicide.

Old Business

Commissioner Fisher asked for an update on the Rock Slope on Conestoga Road. Mr. Zienkowski replied that Steve Norcini and David Leh are currently working on this. Dave Leh commented that the grant has been extended past June.

Commissioner Fisher also discussed that he had brought to the attention of Township Administration a list of properties that show hardship in regards to Property Maintenance. Mr. Zienkowski responded that the Township will begin to look into the codes and propose changes.

New Business

Commissioner Schaefer discussed that over the past few months the Board of Commissioners have had special meetings. Commissioner Schaefer made a motion for Administration to begin collecting the information in preparation of the 2013 Budget and financial modeling. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Spingler and Nagle were absent from the meeting.

Public Participation

Jim Schneller, St. David's – Stated that the use of the Township Solicitor on an issue that has never been brought before the board by residents is perplexing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano

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