

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of May 21, 2012

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 7:00 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Commissioners Present

*William A. Spingler, President
Kevin G. Higgins
John Nagle*

*Elaine P. Schaefer, Vice President
James C. Higgins
Donald Curley*

Absent: *John Fisher*

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, Michael Taggart, P.E., Gilmore Engineering; Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation; Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to Township Manager.*

President Spingler called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

Sara Pilling, Skunk Hollow – The Skunk Hollow Community Garden was awarded the Best Local Garden for 2012 for Best of the Main Line.

Jen Ciarmoli and Amy Wildt, Wyldhaven Road – Would like to have a consideration for a speed hump on their street. Commissioner Schaefer recommended that it be placed on the agenda at the next Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss and that the residents submit a memo in regards to why Wyldhaven needs a speed hump.

Dan Skolnick, Wayne – Wanted to thank the Township and Staff for their support and allowing them to hold their blood drive at the Municipal Building. They exceeded their goal in collections, they collected 81 units.

Sue Metzger, Midland Avenue – She is not in favor of the proposed cell tower to be placed in downtown Wayne next to the Firehouse.

Ted Pollard, St. David's – Discussed the future of the cottage at Harford Park.

Mr. Zienkowski and Mr. White made a brief presentation in regards to stormwater and the most recent storm on May 16, 2012. With regard to the emergency repair resolution, Commissioner J. Higgins mentioned that the board should add repair of the retention basin at North Wayne Field because of the rupture which caused extensive damage to homes on Poplar Avenue.

Ken Taylor, Willow Avenue – Would like to encourage the Commissioners to support the resolution for emergency repairs with the addition of N. Wayne Field.

Bill Bruno, 205 N. Wayne Avenue – Would like to see the Emergency Repair Resolution approved.

Notice of Executive Session preceding the Board of Commissioners meeting of May 21, 2012

All commissioners were in attendance with the exception of Commissioner Fisher at the May 21, 2012 Executive Session, where matters of personnel, litigation and Real Estate were discussed.

Motion to accept Department Reports

Commissioner Nagle moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Certificate of Appreciation to R. William Thomas

Commissioner Spingler read a certificate of appreciation to be presented to Bill Thomas for his involvement with the Shade Tree Commission for a number of years, and that he has led to the preservation and planting of trees throughout the Township. Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner K. Higgins. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

2011 Audit Report Presentation

A presentation was made in regards to the 2011 Audit Report by Bruce Braunwell, Clifton Larson Allen. The management letter has been vetted fully with CARFAC last week. Mr. White thanked the members of CARFAC and the members of the Finance Department for their help.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bio-Med Presentation of a Proposed Re-Development Project

Matt McDevitt, Executive Vice President, Bio-Med Realty Trust, the owners of the real estate for Centocor on King of Prussia Road, made a brief presentation regarding a redevelopment plan for this site.

Commissioner Schaefer inquired what type of tenant needs 50,000 sq. ft.? Mr. McDevitt responded that they have done "soft" marketing and found that financial institutions, investment boutiques, law firms and accounting firms.

Commissioner Curley asked Nick Caniglia, Attorney for the applicant why a zoning amendment is needed for the project? Mr. Caniglia responded that the main relief is building height, however the current buildings are the same height as the proposed buildings.

Commissioner K. Higgins asked for a suggested timeline. Bio-Med responded that the current tenant has a lease until March 2014; they would like to begin immediately after they vacate.

Further Consideration of Ordinance #2012-06 - Amending Article Xxii, Administration, Of The Radnor Township Zoning Ordinance By Providing For Regulations Permitting Uses Not Adequately Or Specifically Defined Or Permitted In Radnor Township By Conditional Use.

John Rice asked for discontinuance on the hearing until July 16, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer the continuance until July 16, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Public Participation

Colleen Price – Chamounix Road – Inquired about the reason for an Ordinance like this. She believes that the Ordinance needs to be tabled or really limited.

Resolution #2012-63 – Creating an Open Space Plan Implementation Committee

Cheryl Tumola explained the reason for creating the Implementation Committee for Open Space. Mr. Kochanski also provided background.

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance #2012- - Amending Chapter 156 Of The Radnor Township Code, Electrical Standards, By Adopting For Radnor Township, The 2008 Edition Of The NFPA National Electric Code, As Amended, As The Township Electric Code; Establishing Rules And Regulations For The Implementation And Enforcement Of Such Code; Setting Forth Permit Requirements; Establishing Penalties For Violations, And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances

Commissioner Curley moved to introduce the Ordinance and seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Motion to consider approval of Garrett Hill Banners

Representatives from the Garrett Hill Enhancement Trust discussed the placement of the banners in Garrett Hill and will apply the funds for payment.

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Resolution# 2012-59 - White Dog Café Settlement Agreement

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Public Comment

Baron Gemmer – Inquired with a few questions for clarification purposes about the agreement.

FINANCE & AUDIT

Schedule of Bills Payable/Disbursement List #2012-5B

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Curley recused himself from Office Basics payments.

Resolution #2012-60 - Creation of a “Tree Planting Fund”

Commissioner Schaefer moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner K. Higgins inquired about the third “Whereas” clause in the resolution on the Commemorative Shade Tree Fund; why that was being created. The response received was that the language in Chapter 263 states that this fund should have been created.

Commissioner Schaefer commented that in the legislative summary for the resolution under the “fiscal impact” description that this may be for more than just planting trees such as maintenance, arborist, care for the tree, etc.

Resolution #2012-61 - Amending the 2012 Operating and Capital Budget

Commissioner Spingler moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

After in depth conversation for clarification purposes of the resolution, Commissioner J. Higgins moved to approve amending line item 421.4840 “Flood Control” to \$240,000.00. Commissioner Schaefer seconded. Motion passed 4-2, with Commissioners Curley and K. Higgins voting nay. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Schaefer commented that she will support the approval but begrudgingly because this is merely a band aid on the large problem with the Township Infrastructure.

Mr. Zienkowski commented that the time has come that we need to do something that should have been done years ago.

After much more discussion, Commissioner J. Higgins moved the resolution as amended and Commissioner Schaefer seconded. The motion passed 4-2, with Commissioners Curley and K. Higgins voting nay. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Public Comment

A resident commented that in the Chagrin Study that there was one bullet point to rehabilitate stormwater system. For him, the prioritization that the study put on that item is enough cost analysis for him.

PARKS & RECREATION

Authorization to Approve the Radnor Day Camp and Summer Tot-Lot Camp 2012 Scholarship Recipient Award Recommendations

Commissioner Nagle moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Nagle wanted to thank the EAC for receiving an award for being Environmental Champions.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

Motion to Approve South Wayne Avenue Crosswalks and Traffic Calming Devices

Mr. Norcini showed and discussed a plan of the proposed crosswalk and traffic calming device for South Wayne Avenue.

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and Commissioner Schaefer seconded.

Commissioner Spingler inquired about what was happening at Windemere. Mr. Norcini explained that PennDot will pay for the lines to be completed.

Commissioner Nagle inquired about the bump out that is proposed if that makes the delineators go away. Mr. Norcini responded that yes, the bump out (curb) is 8 inches high.

Commissioner J. Higgins is opposed to the approval of the resolution; he does not see this as a wise expenditure of money.

Mr. Zienkowski thanked everyone for all of their efforts and feels as though making this more permanent and removing the delineators makes this a good project to proceed with.

Public Comment

Dan Skolnick, S. Wayne Ave. – He thanked staff and Commissioner Curley for all of their time. Presented a sketch of the surrounding area that all other streets in the area have speed bumps, no truck signs, stop signs, etc. except for S. Wayne Avenue.

Allen Miller, S. Wayne Avenue – In respect to notice to the residents, they were not given any notice. The proposed ADA landing is on his property and he and his wife would like the crosswalk project to not be approved.

Lydia Gemmer, S. Wayne Ave – Fully supports the project, delineators were meant to be temporary and she would hope that they are removed.

Martin Heldring, Audubon Avenue – Supports the project and is very sensitive to the families that have moved into this area and the need for calming of traffic.

Baron Gemmer – S. Wayne Avenue – Urges the approval of the project.

Kathy Miller, S. Wayne Ave. – She is not opposed to the crosswalk but does not feel that the project is warranted. She is asking that the Board reconsider the traffic calming actions on S. Wayne Avenue.

Motion passed 5-1. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Resolution #2012-62 - Authorizing The Public Works Department To Perform Emergency Repairs For The Safety Of Life, Health, And Property Of The Residents Of Radnor Township

Commissioner J. Higgins moved to approve the resolution with it amended to include the retention basin at North Wayne Field. Commissioner Schaefer seconded, motion passed 4-2, with Commissioners K. Higgins and Curley voting Nay. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Schaefer clarified that Conestoga Road, Lancaster Pike, Runnymede Avenue are all covered in the budget and will come out of the Sewer Fund; The Storm Sewer for Barley Cone Lane and the retention basin for N. Wayne Field will come out of the funds previously discussed in resolution 2012-61 as will the Water Line at the Willows. The Traffic Signal at Lancaster Avenue & Louella Avenue will be a wash because PECO will reimburse the Township. Mr. White confirmed that she was correct.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 5-1, with Commissioner K. Higgins voting Nay. Commissioner Fisher was absent from the meeting.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Nagle wanted to mention the risk that our Officer places them in every day.

LIBRARY

The Friends' of the Radnor Library Big Book Sale is coming up. June 1 to June 3. Hours are as follows: Friday Night Preview (for Friends only) 5-9pm; Saturday June 2: 9am-5pm; Sunday June 3: 1 – 5pm.

PUBLIC HEALTH

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Participation

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano

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