

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of May 9, 2016**

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**

Philip Ahr, President	Elaine Schaefer – Arrived @ 7:25 PM	Donald Curley
Luke Clark, Vice President	John Nagle	Richard F. Booker
James C. Higgins		

**Also Present:** Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Roger Philips, Township Engineer; Amy Kaminski, Traffic Engineer and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.

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

Notice of Executive Session on May 9, 2016

All commissioners were in attendance at the May 9, 2016 executive session with the exception of Commissioner Schaefer; where matters of litigation were discussed.

1. Consent Agenda

- a) Disbursement Review and Approval: 2016-04D and 2016-04E
- b) Resolution #2016-59 - Further amending the 2016 Wage and Salary Schedule
- c) Resolution #2016-60 - Authorize Township Manager to Execute Contract with Tyler Technologies for ERP Purchase & Implementation
- d) Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness:
  - HARB 2016-04 – 406 North Wayne Avenue – Demolish existing single family dwelling and construct new single family dwelling, garage and pool – Amended. Referred back from the Board of Commissioners.
  - HARB 2016-06 – 401 Midland Avenue – Removal of non-original addition at rear of house and construct new two (2) story addition.
  - HARB 2016-07 – 414 Radnor Street Road – Addition to the rear of the house and a new garage.
  - HARB 2016-08 – 19 Louella Court – New construction of a partially underground concrete garage.
- e) Motion to authorize John Rice to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting and oppose the following: Appeal #2968 – The Applicant, Villanova University, property located at 800 E. Lancaster – Avenue and zoned PL, seeks a variance from Section 280-68.1.D(3)(g) of the Zoning Code regarding “Dark Sky” full-cutoff requirements.
- f) Resolution #2016-61 - Authorization for Gilmore and Associates to Provide Survey, Design, Construction Drawings, Specifications, and Bidding Documents for the Installation of Traffic Calming Medians on Pine Tree Road
- g) Motion to Authorize the Engineering Department to Receive Sealed Bids for the Installation of Traffic Calming Medians on Pine Tree Road

Commissioner Curley requested for items d & e to be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Nagle made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of items a, b, c, f & g, seconded by Commissioner Clark. Motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Schaefer absent.

- HARB-2016-04 – 406 North Wayne Avenue - Demolish existing single family dwelling and construct new single family dwelling, garage and pool – Amended. Referred back from the Board of Commissioners.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff in regards to the above HARB application. Mr. Zienkowski commented that HARB recommended denial of the application. Commissioner Higgins briefly reviewed the history of the property in question.

#### Public Comment

Tom Lowy, N. Wayne Avenue – He spoke in support of the HARB denial for #2016-04.

Nick Caniglia, representing the applicant for HARB #2016-04 and Ben Sporangio, Property owner – He briefly discussed the proposed rebuild and showed renderings of the new constructed single family home. They also commented that the current home is not consistent with anything in the HARB district.

Steve Elliott, West Avenue – He is in favor of the plan to rebuild.

Pamela Jansen, N. Wayne Avenue – She is not in support of tearing down and rebuilding the property and would like the Commissioners to support HARB's decision to deny.

Kathy Flanagan, N. Wayne Avenue – She is in support of the denial and to allow the applicant to rebuild.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness #2016-04, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 4-2 with Commissioners Higgins and Ahr opposed and Commissioner Schaefer absent.

#### d) Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness:

- HARB-2016-06 – 401 Midland Avenue - Removal of non-original addition at rear of house and construct new two (2) story addition.

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

- HARB-2016-07 – 414 Radnor Street Road - Addition to the rear of the house and a new garage.

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

- HARB-2016-08 – 19 Louella Court - New construction of a partially underground concrete garage.

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

- e) Motion to authorize John Rice to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting and oppose the following: Appeal #2968 - The Applicant, Villanova University, property located at 800 E. Lancaster Avenue and zoned PI, seeks a variance from Section 280-68.1.D(3)(g) of the Zoning Code regarding "Dark Sky" full-cutoff requirements.

Commissioner Booker made a motion to authorize John Rice to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting and oppose Appeal #2968, seconded by Commissioner Ahr.

Commissioner Curley raised the issue that he did not feel that this item should have been on the consent agenda and should have been discussed amongst the Commissioners prior to the meeting. There was an in depth discussion amongst the Commissioners, staff and the applicant in regards to the differences of 100% Dark Sky versus the fixture that Villanova is requesting to install.

#### Public Comment

Chris Kovolski and Marilou Smith, Villanova University – They commented that they would like to appear in front of the Zoning Hearing Board because they cannot meet the 100% Dark Sky compliance with an esthetically pleasing fixture. They would like to install fixtures which are above 99% Dark Sky compliant. If the Board feels it is necessary to send John Rice to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting the University will withdraw their petition.

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – She agrees that Mr. Rice has attended Zoning Hearing Board meetings prior and she believes it is in the best interest of the residents to have him attend.

Commissioner Ahr called the vote, motion failed 2-4 with Commissioners Higgins, Clark, Curley and Nagle opposed.

### 2. Public Participation

Commissioner Ahr clarified that Public Participation at the beginning of the meeting is so that residents don't have to wait to make public comment at end of meeting.

Sara Pilling, Garrett Avenue – The next meeting for the residents meeting to discuss the future of the Willows will be held on May 18, 2016 at 7 PM at the Township Building. The meeting will also be recorded and available. She also commented that she had a classical architect visit the Willows mansion and there is nothing of Charles Barton Keene design left at the Willows Mansion.

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – She commented in regards to an article that was in the Inquirer this past weekend about the Haas Estate.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- A. Ordinance #2016-06 (Introduction) - Amending The Code Of The Township Of Radnor, Chapter 270, Vehicles And Traffic, Section 270-30, Time Limit Parking

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to introduce ordinance #2016-06, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

Superintendent Colarulo commented that they are requesting to rescind Glenbrook Avenue South; 2 Hour Parking 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Except Saturday, Sunday & Holidays; from Beatrice Drive in a

westerly direction to a point of 160 feet past the curb line of Charles Drive. This item was overlooked when the traffic codification was completed prior and is strictly administrative.

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

**B. Ordinance #2016-07 (Introduction) - Amending The Code Of The Township Of Radnor, Section 270-13, One-Way Streets, Section 270-16 Stop Intersections And Section 270-28, Parking Prohibited On Meredith Avenue**

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to introduce ordinance #2016-07, seconded by Commissioner Ahr.

Superintendent Colarulo commented that Meredith Avenue will become one-way from Conestoga Road to Eachus Avenue and removal of the stop sign at Meredith Avenue travelling South on Conestoga Road; and removal of the Parking Prohibited at all times on Meredith Avenue, Northwest at the curve of Meredith Avenue, 70 feet north of Conestoga Road and 93 feet north of Conestoga Road, covering an area of 23 feet.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners for clarification of Ordinance #2016-07. Commissioner Booker asked for a drawing to be brought to the next meeting.

**Public Comment**

Sara Pilling, Garrett Avenue – She asked for clarification of the changes in the ordinance as well as inquired if the residents have been notified on Good Shepherd.

Commissioner Ahr called for the vote, motion passed 7-0.

**PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION**

None

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

None

**PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING**

None

**FINANCE & AUDIT**

None

**PARKS & RECREATION**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is this Thursday at 6:30.

**LIBRARY**

None

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Their next meeting of the Board of Health will be next Monday at 5:30 and there will be a presentation by Lt. Andrew Block about narcotics and heroin.

**Old Business**

Commissioner Curley commented in regards to the amendment to the PLO which was presented and discussed at the last meeting by an applicant. He has made edits to the document and he would like to use his edited copy of the ordinance as the baseline. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners

and agreed that Commissioner Curley's version and RETEWW version of the PLO amendment be discussed at the June 13, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Schaefer announced that there will be a public meeting on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Radnor Township Building to discuss the Ardrossan Trail project which is being led by National Lands Trust.

*New Business*

*The Carol H. Axelrod Memorial Blood Drive*

Commissioner Clark announced that the Blood Drive is scheduled for May 10, 2016 7 AM to 7 PM at the Township Building.

· *Villanova CICD CARE Group Update*

Commissioner Ahr gave a brief update on the Villanova CARE Group is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Ahr also announced that there is a golf outing on May 15, 2016 at Turtle Creek Golf Course that will support the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Garrett Hill Parade. For more information you can visit [www.foregarretthill.com](http://www.foregarretthill.com).

*Public Participation*

Rick Leonardi, Aldwyn Lane – He spoke in opposition of the crucifixes that are proposed on top of the four corners of the pedestrian overpass at Villanova University.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jennifer DeStefano*

Report of Villanova CICD Construction CARE Group  
May 9, 2016 Board of Commissioners' Meeting  
Phil Ahr, Commissioner and member of CARE Group

- A. General overview of Group
  - a. Have had 4 meetings, monthly schedule, with 2 meetings in March to begin
  - b. Group membership: 7 members – 2 from Township (Bob Zienkowski, Steve Norcini), 2 from Villanova (Chris Kovolski, Marilou Smith), 2 residents appointed by BOC (Jane Galli, Rick Leonardi), 1 Commissioner, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward (Phil Ahr)
  - c. Meetings are also attended by a number of residents each month
  - d. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, Township Building, Second Floor
- B. Initial issues addressed
  - a. Construction of West Lancaster Avenue Lot
    - i. Resolution of construction noise, outside of permitted hours (7am to 9 pm)
    - ii. Buffering on south side of lot, bordering Rt 100 line and residential area across.
      - 1. Township arborist inspected the buffer on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, identified plants that need either additional care or replacement. Will re-inspect in July.
      - 2. Villanova offered to provide residents a guided walk-through for the buffer, once they have received their official approval for lot use.
      - 3. VU re-emphasized their responsibility to maintain buffer.
  - b. Aldwyn Lane – cut-through traffic: Volume and speed
    - 1. Temporary speed bumps installed, approved by majority of residents
    - 2. Will work towards installing permanent bumps
  - c. Other concerns
    - i. Inspection – Township inspector is on site daily, also Steve Norcini, Dir. Of Public Works visits site regularly during the week
      - 1. Minimizes dirt and debris from construction trucks on streets
      - 2. Ensures construction is kept to plan and regulations.
    - ii. Safety –
      - 1. S. Ithan Ave. – Closing of east sidewalk for Pike garage construction
      - 2. New crosswalk created north of bridge to temporary western sidewalk
      - 3. Radnor Police Department has monitored site for pedestrian safety
- C. Villanova proposal of new, enlarged sidewalk on south side of Lancaster
  - a. Response to request by resident members of the CARE group at March meeting
    - i. Create a pedestrian-friendly path that continues wide sidewalk in front of dorms
  - b. Villanova announced plans at April CARE meeting for new sidewalk
    - i. Although was not part of original plan, they considered the request and agreed to create approx. 6 ft sidewalk and 6 ft. of verge, or grass buffering to the curb.
    - ii. Would cost an additional \$250,000+ to complete, asked for waivers to expedite and allow them to take advance of timing with construction firms still on site.
      - 1. Stormwater – Was determined by Township that VU had excess credit or capacity with existing stormwater management so none was needed. BOC granted waiver at April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting regardless.
      - 2. Shade Tree – BOC granted waiver from appearing at Shade Tree Commission to expedite process, however directed VU to work with Township staff to inspect trees impacted, look at the sidewalk plan and try to save as many as possible. After inspection, Township asked for ten replacement trees to be placed in the parking lot or CICD area.

- D. Time Table of Construction – near term
  - a. West Lancaster Ave. Lot open temporarily for use at graduation (5/13-14) if needed. Otherwise likely open around June.
  - b. Pike Parking Garage structure
    - i. Around June 13<sup>th</sup> will commence delivery of pre-cast
      - 1. Will coordinate truck delivery with Radnor Police Department
        - a. Similar to successful deliveries of pre-cast to the SAC Garage, RPD will escort trucks from Rt. 476 through Lancaster Avenue and control the traffic lights to expedite transit.
  - c. Roadway improvements – June (TBA), pending PENNDOT approvals
    - 1. Lancaster Avenue – Road widening east of Ithan Avenue
      - a. Sidewalk on south side will be closed during construction
    - 2. North Ithan Avenue
      - a. Internal to VU's campus, east side will see construction for infrastructure improvements
  - d. Overall - Lancaster & Ithan
    - i. Will see lots of construction activity over the summer
    - ii. No road closures anticipated
    - iii. Be careful driving and walking in this construction area
    - iv. All activity will be coordinated with Radnor Police Department
  - e. Pedestrian Bridge and lighting
    - i. Lighting and drawings were presented at May meeting
      - 1. Available for viewing on Radnor's website
        - a. <http://www.radnor.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/13037>
    - ii. Lighting variance request before the Zoning Hearing Board, May 19<sup>th</sup>
      - 1. See above webpage for differences in uplighting specs between 100% full cut-off (required by zoning) and 99.2% cut-off lighting.
- E. Next CARE Group meeting
  - a. June 2<sup>nd</sup> – may also be coordinated as one of Villanova's "Neighbors' Meeting"
  - b. Public is invited to attend to hear VU's updates as well as CARE group items
- F. All meeting agenda and minutes are available on Radnor's website in the Villanova section
  - a. <http://www.radnor.com/875/Villanova-Project-Communication-Review-C>