

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 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

<i>Philip Ahr, President</i>	<i>Elaine Schaefer</i>	<i>Donald Curley</i>
<i>Luke Clark, Vice President</i>	<i>John Nagle</i>	<i>Richard F. Booker</i>
<i>James C. Higgins</i>		

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 23, 2016

All commissioners were in attendance at the May 23, 2016 executive session with the exception of Commissioner Schaefer; where matters of litigation were discussed.

1. Certificate of Appreciation – First Responder’s for the NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four and Championship Game in April 2016

Superintendent of Police, William Colarulo and David Tedjeske, Villanova University presented the various agencies which assisted during the NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four and Championship Game with certificates and shirts as well as a greeting film from Coach Wright was played.

Mr. Zienkowski presented Lieutenants Block and Flanagan along with Sergeant Smith with an award for all of their countless hours of planning.

Commissioner Ahr commented that Item B will be removed from the agenda.

2. Presentation - Forge to Refuge Trail Feasibility Study

John Fischer and Bob Campbell made a brief presentation in regards to the Forge to Refuge Feasibility Study which can be found on the Township website at:
<http://www.radnor.com/910/Board-of-Commissioners-Presentations>.

3. Consent Agenda

- a) Disbursement Review and Approval: 2016-05A and 2016-05B*
- b) Acceptance of Department Monthly Reports*
- c) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 25, 2016*

- d) Resolution #2016-62 - Award of the 2016 Superpave Resurfacing Program
- e) Resolution #2016-63 - Authorization for Capital Purchases: Vehicles and Equipment
- f) Resolution #2016-64 - Forge to Refuge Trail Feasibility Study Approval

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Public Participation

Roberta Winters, League of Women Voters – She read a statement into record that the League does not support the leasing of the Willows Mansion.

Marty Costello – He announced that the Radnor Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 30th beginning at 9:45 AM. The parade grand marshal this year is 2004 Radnor High School graduate Brian Nicholson. He also commented that Thursday evening is the unveiling of the Radnor Wall of Honor at the Radnor High School at 5:30 PM in the auditorium and invites everyone to attend.

Diane Edbril – She commented in regards to National Gun Violence Awareness day which is on June 2, 2016 and urged everyone to wear orange. She also requested the Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution acknowledging Wear Orange Day.

Anika Walsh – She commented that she does not support to sell or lease the Willows Mansion to a private owner as well as commented that she read that the property was acquired under eminent domain for specific use as public space.

Dan Skolnick – He thanked everyone that was involved with planning of the blood drive which was held on May 10th at the Township Building as well as everyone that participated.

Christina Perrone, Walnut Avenue – She commented that she would like to see the Willows to remain open for public use and also commented about the property was taken by eminent domain.

5. Committee Reports

FINANCE & AUDIT

A. Q1 Finance Update Report

Mr. White, Finance Director made a presentation of the Q1 Finance which can be found on the Township website at: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9Xm511DLrJo&feature=youtu.be>. There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

B. Motion to approve White Dog Restaurant Settlement Agreement

Removed from the Agenda

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

C. Resolution #2016-65 - Caucus/Final – Minor Subdivision Plan Subdivision of Edward F. McGinley, III

Stephen Wasylyszyn, Licensed Surveyor, made a brief presentation of the proposed project.

The applicant is proposing to consolidate the six existing parcels to form three lots. This project does not meet the criteria for an administration review exemption due to the number of parcels involved in the consolidation. No improvements are proposed at this time. This project is located in the RI zoning district of the Township. There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners, applicant and staff.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

D. Ordinance #2016-06 (Adoption) - 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 adopt, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

E. Ordinance #2016-07 (Adoption) - 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 adopt, seconded by Commissioner Ahr.

Public Comment

Jane Galli, Barcladen Rd. – She asked for a point of clarification on parking on Meredith Avenue.

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

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

F. Discussion from the Board of Commissioners on the Willows RFP

Commissioner Ahr gave a brief history of the steps that have been taken to this point in the RFP process with the Willows Mansion. There was an in depth discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff in regards to the following items: will the Mansion and the surrounding area to remain predominantly and primarily park and recreation use; the Mansion and surrounding area to remain a public facility; whether the property was condemned when purchased; preserve the mansion without burdening the taxpayer; maintaining the public use and access of the building; public/private partnership; catering facility; whether to move forward with a new RFP; the survey a few years back showed that most residents did not want to raise

taxes to renovate and maintain the mansion; ways to find a low-impact use for the building and the costs to maintain the mansion at its current condition. Staff discussed that CBFAC had recommended the township stop operating the Willows mansion since it was spending \$120,000 to \$140,000 on it annually; the mansion is in need of a roof and other expensive repairs. The catering proposals which were received would have been a way to generate revenue to maintain the mansion.

Solicitor John Rice commented that the township had an ordinance to condemn the property but did not file a declaration of taking. Instead there was a deed in lieu of condemnation.

Public Comment

Christina Perrone, Walnut Avenue – She commented in regards to her opinion to maintain the Mansion and Park for recreational use as well as commented whether the building was taken in lieu of condemnation.

Joseph Reiser, Villanova – He commented that the Township should continue on the premise that the Mansion was purchased for public use as well as commented that a few residents have taken on themselves to evaluate the legal basis of whether selling or leasing of the Willows was allowed and his counsel indicated that it is illegal to transfer the facility to a private entity.

Anita Kelly, Villanova – She commented that the Township should take care of the items that the Township already has rather than starting something new.

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – She commented that she is in support of a public/private partnership.

Doug McCone, Poplar Avenue – He commented that he would like to see the Willows remain to have public access.

Maya van Rossum, S. Roberts Road – She commented that the Township had used its authority to secure the Willows and that it is not the right time for a RFP and the community should give its input into the use.

Georgia McCauley, Villanova – She inquired if the legal analysis that Mr. Reiser mentioned was completed would be part of the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Ahr and John Rice commented that the minute are not verbatim. If anyone would like a copy of the legal opinion they just need to contact Mr. Zienkowski.

John Osborne, Treasurer – He commented in regards to private/public partnerships which area municipalities have entered into and they have been successful.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners on how to proceed with the process and future of the Willows Mansion as well as how to proceed with St. David's Nursery School.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion for the Township Manager to prepare a RFP for a public private partnership with the Township for use of the Willows Mansion, the proposal would allow for 1) significant public use for members of the public 2) as a secondary use involving non-profit or for profit educational, recreational or scientific organization; the public recreational use would allow activities by community groups, private citizens, township bodies and others primarily for recreational use.

Commissioner Curley suggested to use the language that the proposers use the park primarily and predominantly for recreation or park and that the users are primarily and predominantly public.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to extend the meeting until 11:15 PM, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

There was consensus of the Board to take no action tonight on the Willows. There was also a consensus of the Board that they are not ready to take action on the proposal from St. David's Nursery School and will not be able to meet their deadline.

Commissioner Ahr made a motion to authorize John Rice to look into the legislative history impact of the deed for the Willows Mansion; seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

Mr. Rice commented that he will submit a letter to the Commissioners to clarify the above motion.

PARKS & RECREATION

Tammy Cohen announced the Great American Campout at the Willows on June 25. Summer Camp is currently open for registration.

Steve Norcini announced that the bridge at the Willows is substantially open for use. He gave a brief update on the contractor.

LIBRARY

None

PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Nagle commented that at the last Board of Health meeting there was an excellent presentation on narcotics and he encouraged everyone to watch it on YouTube.

Old Business

None

New Business

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to approve a resolution in regards to Gun Violence Awareness and Wear Orange Day.

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners take note of the widespread occurrence of gun violence in the United State; and*

***WHEREAS**, a national organization, Wear Orange, seeks to have citizens and governmental bodies draw attention to the problem by having citizens wear orange on June 2, 2016.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Radnor Township endorses the June 2, 2016 Wear Orange movement and encourages its citizens to wear orange on June 2, 2016 as a reminder to work to prevent gun violence.*

***SO RESOLVED**, at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Radnor Township conducted on this _____day of _____, 2016.*

Motion seconded by Commissioner Nagle

Commissioner Curley commented that he does not see himself supporting the resolution when he is not familiar with the organization.

Public Comment

Diane Edbril – She apologized for the late request for the resolution as well as briefly explained the purpose of the organization.

John Osborne, Township Treasurer – He commented about his opposition to the resolution.

Commissioner Ahr called the vote, motion passed 4-3 with Commissioners Curley, Clark and Booker opposed.

Public Participation

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano