

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of May 19, 2014

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 6:50 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

James C. Higgins, Vice President
Richard F. Booker
Donald Curley

Also Present: Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Osborne, Treasurer; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works; Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation & Community Programming; Roger Phillips, P.E., Township Engineer; Damon Drummond, Township Traffic Engineer 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

Commissioner Schaefer commented that the Planner that has been engaged for the BioMed site will be on the June 9, 2014 agenda and the Willows agreement should be on the July Board of Commissioners meeting agenda.

Public Participation

Marty Costello – He announced that the Grand Marshal for the upcoming Memorial Day Parade will be Dennis Murphy who is the first Vietnam Veteran to lead the Parade. The Parade will take place on May 28, 2014 beginning at 9:45 AM.

Notice of Executive Session preceding and following the Board of Commissioners meeting of May 19, 2014

All commissioners were in attendance, where matters of personnel, real estate and litigation were discussed.

Consent Agenda

- a) *Disbursement Acceptance and Approval: #2014-5B*
- b) *Resolution #2014-51 - Bind Fiduciary Liability Insurance (Pension Plans) for one year in the amount of \$8,741*
- e) *Resolution #2014-52—Authorization to participate in the DVRPC's Transportation and Community Development Initiative Grant Program*
- d) *Resolution #2014-53 - Approving Workers Compensation Insurance coverage for Radnor Fire Company Effective March 1, 2013 through March 1, 2015*
- e) *Resolution #2014-54—Authorizing Simone Collins Landscape Architecture to Prepare Design Revision for the Veterans Park Plan*
- f) *Staff Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes – April 2014*
- g) *Department Monthly Reports*

Commissioner Spingler made a motion to approve without items c & e, seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution #2014-52 – Authorization to participate in the DVRPC’s Transportation and Community Development Initiative Grant Program

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

Commissioner Booker asked for clarification of the project and the adaptive system.

Steve Norcini gave a brief background of the resolution. The congestion of Lancaster Avenue is noted when speaking of land development or traffic initiatives. We have noted at Board of Commissioner and Planning Commission meetings the need for a traffic adaptive system, to ease the congestion along this corridor in Radnor Township. He is requesting that the Board of Commissioners authorize the engineering department to apply for the TCDI for the preliminary feasibility and engineering for the installation of a traffic adaptive system for Lancaster Avenue (S.R.30), for its entirety in Radnor Township. The Route 30 Lancaster Avenue Traffic Adaptive system will promote more residential, employment and retail opportunities by reducing vehicular emissions and travel time along the Lancaster Avenue corridor. This preliminary work would include the necessary review and proposed revisions to signal permit plans, traffic adaptive system requirements, probable estimated construction costs, and bidding documents. As part of a subsequent phase, required ADA ramp upgrades to all the affected Intersections will have to be designed, as well as the final engineering. The estimated engineering costs for the preliminary phase are \$97,000, with the Township's matching portion at \$19,400. An estimate for instituting the traffic adaptive system, including the ADA ramp work, is approximately \$1,200,000. He is requesting to fund the construction portion by grants and contributions from land development applicants.

Public Comment

Jim Schneller – He asked to see more information of what the program would entail with the DVPRC.

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

Resolution #2014-54 - Authorizing Simone Collins Landscape Architecture to Prepare Design Revision for the Veterans Park Plan

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

Commissioner Booker commented that his understanding was that Veterans Park was being paid for by donations. Bob Zienkowski commented that this revised plan takes into account the neighbors requests.

Public Comment

Jim Schneller – He commented in regards to the original discussions of the plans.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

Update from the Stormwater Advisory Committee

Heather Gill, Chairman – Stormwater Advisory Committee gave a brief update of what the committee has been working on.

The Radnor Township Stormwater Advisory Committee unanimously voted (7-0) on the following two agenda items at the February 27, 2014 committee meeting:

1. We recommend that Radnor Township continue the current simple Single Family Residential (SFR) fee structure and that it stay constant for the next two years because:
 - Continuing the simple fee structure recognizes that all residents benefit from township-wide investments in addressing stormwater runoff;
 - Instituting a more complex SFR fee structure would add to administrative costs and divert funding from critical stormwater improvement projects.
2. We recommend that the proposals received for digitization of Single Family Residential (SFR) and development of a more complex fee structure should not be acted upon by Radnor Township at this time. The six figure cost in implementing this process can be better spent to fund critical stormwater improvement projects.

The Radnor Township Stormwater Advisory Committee saw a presentation at their March 24, 2014 meeting regarding the West Wayne Preserve and voted (6-0) to support the Township pursuing a grant with the Delaware Riverkeeper Network for carrying out this project.

There was a brief discussion amongst Commissioners in regards to the credit programs, single family fee structure and digitization.

GFOA Presentation

Mr. Zienkowski gave a brief update on the Township accomplishments in the past few years. He then presented Commissioner Schaefer with the Certificate of Excellence for Financial Reporting from the GFOA. Mr. White then gave an update of how organizations are chosen to receive the award. This presentation can be viewed on the Township website at: http://www.radnor.com/egov/docs/1400677129_719970.pdf.

Commissioner Schaefer thanked CARFAC and Staff for their tremendous work; she also congratulated the Finance Department on receipt of the award. Commissioner Fisher also thanked CARFAC and all of the Township Staff for all of their hard work.

FINANCE & AUDIT

Ordinance #2014-05 - [Introduction] To amend Chapters §44-10 Fund Balance Policy and §44-11 Nonrecurring Revenues

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to introduce, seconded by Commissioner Spingler.

Bill White explained that one of the Board of Commissioners' 2014 priorities to CARFAC was to recommend the treatment of one-time revenue. That was the genesis of this project that CARFAC and the Administration worked on together. This Ordinance captures CARFAC's and the Administration's recommendations by providing amendments to the Township's Non-recurring Revenue Policy (§44-11) and Fund Balance Policy (§44-10). Please note that the Board of Commissioners asked for recommendations regarding the nonrecurring revenues, not necessarily the fund balances. However, given the relationship between the two, CARFAC and the Administration felt that amendments to both were prudent. Specifically, the Township's nonrecurring

revenue can and should provide additional fund balance stabilization to mitigate against sudden, unexpected and large decreases in the Act 511 revenues, which has been a growing component of the Township's revenue base over the past three years. Recent history has shown the Act 511 revenue to be extremely sensitive to economic swings. For example, as a result of the Great Recession, business privilege tax revenues dropped by \$2.86M *in one year* from 2008 to 2009. Then, as a result of the economic recovery since the Recession, revenues have increased by as much as \$2.53M in one year (from 2012 to 2013).

There was discussion for clarification of the ordinance amongst the Commissioners and Staff. Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #2014-48 - Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Radnor Township and the Fraternal Order of Police regarding the K9 Program

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

Commissioner Booker made a motion to amend Paragraph A of the MOU, Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Booker made a motion to amend Paragraph C of the MOU, Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to amend the MOU in paragraph C to strike the last four words to be replaced with *willful misconduct or criminal conduct*, Seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote on the original motion as amended, motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

Resolution #2014-49 - Approval of the Consolidated Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) through 2018

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

Resolution #2014-50 - Approval of the Consolidated Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Radnor Association of Township Employees (RATE) through 2016

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

Commissioner Booker commented that this agreement as well as the previous agreement is too rich of a package to be offered. He would not have voted for them originally. There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners in regards to the proposed agreement. Mr. Zienkowski thanked the RATE staff for persevering throughout the process.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

Ordinance #2014-03 [Adoption] - Amending Chapter 245, Stormwater Management, of the Radnor Code, By Amending Certain Provisions Regarding Purpose, Groundwater Recharge, And Existing Conditions Concerning Calculation Methodology

Commissioner J. Higgins made a motion to adopt, seconded by Commissioner Spingler.

Roger Phillips, Township Engineer explained that this is an ordinance amending Chapter 245 of the Radnor Township Code - Stormwater Management. The intent of this proposed ordinance is to provide an immediate impact for the reduction of stormwater discharge from future development at this time. Township staff, in concert with the Stormwater Management Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission, is currently undertaking a review of the entire stormwater management ordinance and will be bringing forth further recommendations for a comprehensive revision of the ordinance when complete.

There was an in depth discussion amongst the Commissioners and Staff in regards to the ordinance that county recommended, more thought into the suggestions/comments given by Delaware County Planning and the Stormwater Advisory Committee. There were also discussions in regard to meadow, infiltration, impervious coverage, groundwater recharge and the net volumes. Steve Norcini and Roger Philips suggested removing the groundwater recharge section.

Commissioner Spingler withdrew his second on the original motion.

Public Comment

Regina Majerchek, Lansdowne Avenue – She commented that article 4 needs to be addressed as well. Also she agrees with the removal of the suggestions made by Steve Norcini and gets to work immediately on the other changes. She also commented her disappointment in the comments that are given by the Planning Commission and Stormwater Advisory Committee not being taken seriously.

Alex Tweedy, Civil Engineer – He commented in regards to his disagreement with sections throughout the ordinance.

Jim Schneller – He is not in agreement with the proposed ordinance.

Bob Moro, Villanova University – He is in support of Commissioner Curley and Regina Majerchek comments.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to send the ordinance back to the Township Planning Commission & Stormwater Advisory Committee to review and evaluate Article 2 & 3 and eliminate the recharge to the developed area of the site and Article 4 evaluate reducing the application to 25% meadow, seconded by Commissioner Spingler. Motion passed 4-3 with Commissioner Schaefer, J. Higgins and Fisher opposed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Tammy Cohen commented that her department received a \$5,000 grant from PECO to go towards Clem Macron Park.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

None

LIBRARY

Commissioner Booker announced a fundraiser that will be held on June 21, 2014 at 6:30 PM for the Library at Margaret Kuo.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Nagle urged everyone to watch the Board of Health meeting from this evening; there was a presentation in regards to concussions and training with the area sports teams and Dr. Laura Offutt spoke about a website that she has that teens can talk to someone about teen health issues.

Old Business

Commissioner Booker requested that there is a two month delay on review of any plan submitted under the CICD. Mr. Rice commented that the next step from Villanova would be a conditional use application and it would need to be dealt with accordingly. There would need to be a conditional use hearing within 60 days and then the Board would have 45 days to render a decision in writing.

New Business

Commissioner Booker commented that he would like to see a 12 month moratorium on the MUST ordinance and that he is not in support of an independent planner. Commissioner Nagle commented that there was discussion at the last Board of Commissioner meeting to hold discussion in regards to a moratorium after the information is received from the planner.

Mr. Zienkowski commented in regards to issues with the HVAC system in the Township Building that were not constructed correctly and that the Board will see approval for expenses to fix these issues in the ballpark of \$60,000.

Public Participation

Regina Majerchek – She gave a suggestion for a stop gap for the stormwater ordinance amendment. She also commented in regards to having a RFP ready for planning services for the conditional use hearing that the Board may be hearing in the future.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano