

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
**Minutes of Public Meeting of February 27, 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 Spingler, President*  
*Elaine P. Schaefer, Vice President*  
*Donald Curley*  
*Kevin G. Higgins*

*John Fisher*  
*James C. Higgins*  
*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, 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, Garret Hill – The enthusiasm for the Skunk Hollow Farm is fantastic. This Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the first work day and we hope to begin planting by the first week in April.

*Notice of Executive Session preceding the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 27, 2012*

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

*Motion to accept Departmental Reports*

Commissioner Curley moved to accept and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 7-0.

*Wayne Business Association Presentation*

Diane Jiorle, Jack Brooks and Christopher Todd announced upcoming events that the Wayne Business Association is chairing. Wayne Clean up day is May 19, 2012, Jazz Fest will be held on June 12, 2012 and the Radnor Fall Festival will be held on September 16, 2012.

***PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION***

*Resolution # 2012-25 - Appointing Labor Counsel*

Commissioner K. Higgins moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner J. Higgins inquired about the term of the resolution. The counsel will serve at the pleasure of the Commissioners.

**PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING**

Resolution # 2012-14 - Request to Award Contract #B-11-022, Fence Replacement and Repair at North Wayne Park

Commissioner J. Higgins moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Nagle with the title of the resolution amended to state only North Wayne Park. Motion passed 7-0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Staff Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2012

Commissioner Schaefer moved to accept the Staff Traffic Minutes and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Schaefer mentioned that there will be a Public Safety Committee Deer meeting at the Library in the Winsor Room on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Motion to authorize Township Solicitor to Codify Traffic Ordinance

John Rice explained that this project will take him approximately 20-25 hours and he will codify all the traffic ordinances from 2007 forward.

Commissioner Schaefer moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 7-0.

**PARKS & RECREATION**

Resolution # 2012-26 - Authorizing the Township to enter into an agreement with Science Explorers, Inc. for After School Science Programming for the Winter & Spring Sessions.

Commissioner Nagle moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution # 2012-27 - Authorizing the Township to enter into an agreement with World Cup Sports Academy for four sessions of Spring Junior Soccer Programming.

Commissioner Nagle moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution # 2012-28 - Authorizing the Township to enter into an agreement with World Cup Sports Academy for Spring Break Soccer Camp.

Commissioner Nagle moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Curley. Motion passed 7-0.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Adoption of Ordinance 2012-01 amending chapter 280 of the Radnor Township code, zoning, by adding definitions for Bed and Breakfast as a special exception use permitted within the Agricultural-Conservation District and The Wayne Business overlay district; and establishing Regulations for a Bed and Breakfast use permitted by special exception in Radnor Township.

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

SD # 2011-S-12 (Preliminary) Boathouse Realty Assoc., LP (Bentley Homes) to subdivide existing 4.63 acre parcel into ten (10) residential lots with construction of a cul-de-sac at 1430 County Line Rd., Villanova, Pa. (Caucus)

Tom Bentley made a brief presentation of his project. He discussed that if the board wants him to place sidewalks or more buffers he would.

Commissioner Schaefer asked for clarification on a few of the waivers. She asked for clarification on the 500 ft. survey, waivers 5-8 which refers to reduction in size of the cul-de-sac, #12 which is a waiver to not allow driveways on the direct access. Dave Leh responded that he is comfortable with it; there is enough site distance for driveway access. She also questioned about the wall being saved and Mr. Bentley will make that a note that it will not be taken down. Commissioner Schaefer would also like to see sidewalks placed on Lancaster Avenue or money escrowed for them at a later time.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if there are any steep slopes on the plan. His concern is for fire trucks, etc. He believes that this is a relatively good compromise but still thinks that there are still 1 or 2 too many homes. He would like to have the cost of the sidewalks escrowed with clear intents to be used towards good buffering.

Commissioner K. Higgins inquired about if the Ordinance requires sidewalks why are there not sidewalks on the plan? Mr. Kochanski replied that the applicant requested a waiver for sidewalks and the Planning Commissioner recommended granting a waiver. Commissioner K. Higgins also asked if the homes will be built to order.

Commissioner Nagle agreed with Commissioner Schaefer about seeing sidewalks on the plan or money escrowed for later use.

Mr. Zienkowski suggested that taking escrow money and placing it towards restoration of the park.

Commissioner Schaefer wanted to state that this is a really dense plan in a neighborhood that isn't that dense, however, it is zoned R4. She still would like to see sidewalks for walkability throughout the Township; if we have the opportunity to preserve that now we should.

**Public Comment**

John Devlin, 1440 County Line Road – He does not want a sidewalk on Lancaster Avenue. Mr. Bentley has been eminently reasonable through this process. For security reasons the neighbors do not want

sidewalks on Lancaster Avenue. They don't want to encourage pedestrian traffic on the North side of Lancaster Avenue. They want to preserve the residential character of the neighborhood.

Barbara Welsh, 1444 County Line Road – Her concern was how many waivers are in the Gilmore report. She is also concerned about preserving the quality of her neighborhood and that the project will be started and not completed. She questioned if it is typical for a private road to be placed in a development and how desirable is the driveways that go through another home front yard.

Maureen Devlin, 1440 County Line Road – Is not in support of placing a sidewalk.

Motion to authorize RFP's for the Townships Open Space Plan

Commissioner Curley moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

**FINANCE & AUDIT**

Schedule of Bills Payable/Disbursement List #2012-2B

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution # 2012-29 - U.S. Department of Justice ESP Fund Creation (#14)

The Radnor Police Department has recently enrolled in the US Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program (the Program). The Program is an enforcement partnership which will allow the US Department of Justice to share forfeited property and proceeds with the Township.

In order for the Township to participate, the Program Agreement requires that the Township establish a new special revenue fund to account for the proceeds and expenditure of the funds. Further, the Program Agreement goes into great detail on exactly how the funds will be distributed and how they can be spent. Adoption of this Resolution, along with the Township's enrollment in the Program, will serve as direction to comply with the Agreement's stipulations. Without the proposed new fund, the Township will not be authorized to receive any forfeited property or proceeds resulting from partnered efforts with the US Department of Justice.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution # 2012-30 - Bond Counsel Agreement

The Series 2007 General Obligation Bonds were issued in 2007 with a principal value of \$15,910,000 and a 30 year maturity with interest rates ranging from 2.5000% - 5.0000%. The first call date for these bonds is May 1, 2012 and given the market conditions and the low interest rates, the opportunity exists to refund the bonds at a lower interest rate. In order to realize any potential savings, the Township will need to engage Bond Counsel to represent the Township's interest and insure that all legal documents associated with the refunding are done accurately and timely.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution # 2012-31 - Underwriter Agreement

Bill White addressed the Board of Commissioners with the following: The Series 2007 General Obligation Bonds were issued in 2007 with a principal value of \$15,910,000 and a 30 year maturity with interest rates ranging from 2.5000% - 5.000%. The first call date for these bonds is May 1, 2012 and given the market conditions and the low interest rates, the opportunity exists to refund the bonds at a lower interest rate.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner J. Higgins. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution # 2012-33 - Revising the 2012 Consolidated Fee Schedule under Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner K. Higgins opposed.

Resolution # 2012-32 - Revising the 2012 Consolidated Fee Schedule

After further consideration provided from the various community based sports organizations it has been recommended that the Township repeal these fees until such time as the community based sports organizations, the School District and the Township can work out the details of administering the field schedules and until the School District finalizes their review of any potential fees they intend to charge. In our effort to work with the various organizations and the Radnor School District, we recommend repealing the fees as outlined in this resolution.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to repeal only the youth sports fees not the adult sports fees. She later withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Spingler will abstain from the vote due to a conflict with his Softball team.

Commissioner Curley questioned whether if the driving forces largely the result of the sub-committee meeting and you heard feedback from the sports groups? Mr. Zienkowski responded, yes.

Commissioner Nagle moved to approve the resolution as initially stated and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. After brief discussions the vote was tied 3-3, with Commissioner Fisher, Curley and K. Higgins opposed. After further discussions the motion passed 4-2 with the recusal of Commissioner Spingler. Commissioner Curley and K. Higgins opposed.

**LIBRARY**

There will be a vacancy on the Library Committee in April. Interested applicants are to forward their resume to Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager, Radnor Township, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

None

Old Business

Commissioner K. Higgins inquired about the Big Tree Donation Letter on why Radnor Conservancy is mentioned when the money is donated by Chanticleer. Steve Norcini responded that The Radnor Conservancy is in communication with Chanticleer about this project. Commissioner K. Higgins asked where the \$35 fee came from and the response was for the residents to have a buy in with the hope they would have more incentive to nurture the tree.

Commissioner Schaefer responded that The Radnor Conservancy started the Big Tree kick-off with a \$5,000 donation. Kimberly Donches has contributed and volunteered a lot of her time to get this program up and running again and Commissioner Schaefer would like to thank her for all of her hard work.

New Business

None

Public Participation

James Schneller, St. David's – The trellis at St. David's park is rotted and would like to see it fixed and why it rotted already.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jennifer DeStefano*