

First Quarter 2015 Accomplishments of the Board of Commissioners

**by
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Land Development Applications Approved

- Kaname Tract, Church and Waverly Roads, Wyncote, for a maintenance facility
- Genesis Healthcare/Hopkins Center, Wyncote, for parking lot expansion
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for a temporary office
- Arcadia University/Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Subdivision Plan
- Arcadia University Lot Consolidation Plan, 450 S. Easton Road, Glenside
- Arcadia University/Oak Summit Subdivision and Lot Consolidation, 310 S. Easton Road, Glenside

Grants

Grants Filed:

- “Green Light – Go Grant” in the amount of \$80,181 for upgrades to traffic and pedestrian signals at various state highway intersections
- A Community Development Block Grant Application to the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Services in the amount of \$170,000 for rehabilitation work at the La Mott Community Center
- A Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Trail Development Grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the Tookany Creek Trail Phase III

Grants Received:

- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Phase III High School Park - \$100,000
- Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Grant for Automated Recycling Containers - \$250,000
- Tree Vitalize for Curtis Arboretum Pond Riparian Buffer - \$8,026.16
- Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Grant for Brookdale Flood Zone Video Inspection - \$2,600
- Commonwealth Libraries Grant for renovations to Elkins Park Library Bathrooms - \$40,000

Contracts Awarded

- Award of a \$90,000 Professional Services Contract for Engineering and Design of the Elkins Park West Streetscape and Transportation Improvements Project
- Award of a \$22,500 Contract to evaluate and design repairs to the Tookany Creek Parkway Bridge

Ordinances Adopted

- Adoption of Ordinance 2293-14 repealing the Township Code, Chapter 143, entitled “Firearms” in compliance with state law.

- Adoption of Ordinance No. 2297-15 allowing for a sewer charge adjustment for water that does not enter in the sanitary sewer system
- Adoption of Ordinance No. 2299-15 adding a new Zoning District entitled R3-A and enacting requirements and bulk regulations and amending Article XXIV- Preservation Overlay District; and Ordinance No. 2300-15 amending the Official Zoning Map of Cheltenham Township by changing the zoning classification of a certain parcel of land from the R3 Residential District to R3-A Resident District for the development of a parcel of land situated on Willow Grove Avenue known as the “Falcon Hill”

Policy Modifications/Action Items

- Approval of a Sanitary Sewer Administrative Policy
- Rebalancing of the Township’s four (4) Pension Plans
- Adoption of a Social Media/Facebook Policy
- Modification of the healthcare and post-retirement healthcare insurance benefits to Township Commissioners elected or appointed for the first time after December 2014, effective January 2, 2015
- Authorized a Release Agreement in the amount of \$205,178 with Montgomery County for the Township’s proportionate share of assets to the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County owed to said Authority upon its dissolution in December 2014
- Authorized of the purchase of four (4) additional sanitary sewer flow meters
- Condemnation of a property at 110 Rices Mill Road
- Authorized of a Stipulated Settlement relating to the new Wawa to be developed on Ogontz Avenue
- Increased the Township’s Cheltenham-Only Service from three (3) days to five (5) days per week
