

A regular meeting of the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** was held this evening, President Art Haywood presiding. Members present were Commissioners Hampton, McKeown, Norris, Portner, Simon, and Sharkey.

Staff present were Charlyn Battle, Human Resources Coordinator; Michael Fleming, Public Works Coordinator; Nancy Gibson, Public Information and Complaint Officer; David Jones, Interim Township Planner/Zoning Officer; Mark McDonnell, Public Works Superintendent; John J. Norris, Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Bruce Rangnow, Acting Director of Fiscal Affairs; and Bryan T. Havis, Township Manager. Also present was Stephen Burns, Finance Officer and Joseph M. Bagley, Esq., Township Solicitor. A Public Attendance List is attached.

1. The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Commissioner McKeown.

2. Each member having received a copy of the Commissioners' Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2013 and Special Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2013, upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Minutes were unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Haywood stated that the projected real estate tax increase is 6.3% but the projected residential tax increase for the average home of \$148,000 has been reduced to \$66 per year from the increase previously proposed, and the increase of real estate taxes as a percentage of the overall 2014 Budget is .0211%. Mr. Norris noted an incorrect percentage tax increase due to a typo, i.e. the tax increase was previously shown as 2.1% and should be 6.3%. Mr. Haywood reported that the Commissioners and Township Staff are working to further reduce the proposed \$66 tax increase.

3. Each member having received a copy of the Executive Summary Financial Report of the Manager/Secretary for the month of October, 2013, upon motion of Mr. McKeown, the Report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.

4. Each member having received a copy of the Accounts Paid Report for the month of October, 2013, upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.

5. Ms. Hampton presented *Making a Difference in Cheltenham Awards* to the following individuals selected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee:

Ronald Camp
Bruce Rangnow
Dennis Russell

6. Mr. Simon presented Certificates honoring the following volunteers:

20-Years Joan Sundheim, Elkins Park Free Library

10-Years Betty Joy Goldman, Historical Commission
Maureen B. Haff, Task Force on Economic Development
Brad M. Pransky, Task Force on Economic Development

William Chambres, Twinning Committee
Penny Geikler, Twinning Committee
James McCann III, Twinning Committee
Dorothy Spruill, Twinning Committee
Mary Washington, Twinning Committee

7. Review of the Public Works Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated September November 13, 2013:

a. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 48-13** approving Cheltenham Township Development Application No. 13-0510 Record Plan Wyncote Elementary School – 333 Rices Mill Road, Wyncote, PA 19095, subject to the following Conditions and Waivers (see attached):

A. CONDITIONS

1. Compliance with the Boucher & James, Inc. review letter dated September 20, 2013.
2. Compliance with the October 4, 2013, recommendations by F. Tavani Associates, Inc. Based on a meeting with the design engineer on November 8, 2013, the following items must still be provided to address that letter:
 - a. The School District must commit to providing 2-4 staff members for the parent drop-off/pick-up operations.
 - b. The School District must commit to providing “Parent Parking Rules” to be distributed to parents at least twice per school year. These rules would include no drop-off or pick-up of students from Rices Mill Road.

B. WAIVERS TO BE GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. §260-8A. requires secondary streets have a minimum 60 foot right-of-way width and a minimum pavement width of 36 feet. The right-of-way and cartway for Church Road dimensioned on the plan are 60 feet and 21.8 feet respectively; however, Church Road currently maintains a consistent width east and west of the subject property.
2. §260-32.D(2) and (5) requires the location, names and widths of streets, including those shown on the Township plan of streets; the location and name of railroads; the location of property lines and names of owners; and the location of watercourses, sanitary sewers, storm drains and similar features as well as topography based on Cheltenham Township sanitary sewer data within four hundred (400) feet of the parcel. An aerial photograph has been included in the plan set to depict the existing features within 400 feet of the site.

3. §290-13.B(5) requires the locations of all existing and proposed utilities, sanitary sewers, and water lines within 50 feet of property lines.

- b. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously awarded a contract to ABC Construction, Bensalem, PA 19020 and its consultant in the amount of \$131,580.52 for the Point Repair Projects being the lowest responsible bidder within budgetary limitations and meeting Township specifications.

- c. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized the publishing of a Legal Notice for the Board of Commissioners to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to increase existing tapping fees.

Mr. Sharkey noted that the Wastewater Service Agreement with the City of Philadelphia is still being negotiated.

- d. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a Change Order in the amount of \$79,359.00 to Allstate Power Vac. to cover additional construction expenses involved in the Interceptor A Sanitary Sewer Lining Phases 1A and 1B Project.

- e. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 44-13** indicating its non-binding support of the organization of the Solid Waste System in Eastern Montgomery County as a consortium and Cheltenham Township's intent to continue to participate in the disposal of solid waste through the use of the Authority (see attached)

- f. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 45-13** authorizing the filing of a \$10,000 PECO Green Regional Open Space grant application for the Rock Creek Greenway Riparian Buffer Enhancement Project (see attached).

- g. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Works Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 13, 2013.

8. Review of the Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2013:

- a. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted **Ordinance No. 2274-13** amending Chapter 285, thereof, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (see attached).

- b. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2013.

9. Review of the Public Affairs Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2013:

- a. Upon motion of Ms. Hampton, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a one (1) year renewal of the Township's Transit Service in accordance with its Tri-Party Agreement with the Montgomery County Office of Aging and Adult Services and the Suburban Transit Network ("TransNet") contingent upon the ride rates remaining the same as 2013 (see attached).

b. Upon motion of Ms. Hampton, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 46-13** supporting the continuation of the Circuit Trails Program within the region (see attached).

c. Upon motion of Ms. Hampton, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Affairs Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2013.

10. Review of the Building and Zoning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2013:

a. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 47-13** renewing the Township's contract with the Montgomery County Planning Commission for the years 2014 through 2016 (see attached).

b. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Building and Zoning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2013.

11. Review of the Pension Board Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 1, 2013.

a. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously ratified the decision of the Pension Board of an Investment Policy Statement, which was made by the Committee due to timeliness (see attached).

b. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Pension Board Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 1, 2013:

12. Review of the Finance Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 13, 2013:

a. Prior to review of the Finance Committee Minutes, Mr. Norris, Committee Chair, made the following statement relating to the adoption of the 2014 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets:

"Before we vote on these, I would like to make a few comments and then open it up to the Commissioners and public for additional comments.

The Commissioners and Township Staff, particularly Bryan Havir and Bruce Rangnow, have put a great deal of time and effort into these budgets as well as carefully reviewing all items to make sure our tax dollars are well spent.

There have already been several open meetings where public input was possible and in addition to tonight, it will be on the agenda for the December 11, 2013 Finance Committee meeting before a final vote on December 18, 2013.

I urge community participation in this discussion, and I pledge that the process and information will be as transparent as possible.

With Staff's assistance, I have handed out tonight a one-page summary of the Proposed Operating Budget for 2014. Most importantly, this summary shows significant detail of revenue and expense items, which were previously lost in the 70-plus page budget document. This summary

is meant to encourage comments, debate and greater transparency. A couple of noteworthy numbers:

\$40 Million Budget with just one-third coming from real estate taxes; another 29% coming from sewer and refuse fees; plus 15% from the Business Privilege Taxes, and the 1% Earned Income Tax.

Staff and the Commissioners have done much work in the past year or two to carefully review expenses and make difficult personnel cuts where appropriate. Please note that this budget is balanced by proposing to dip into our Reserve Fund for Fund Balance for \$650,000. This is a short-term fix to a problem where our expenses for the next few years are expected to increase dramatically due to important sewer projects but also due to retiree health costs. Police, one of our most important responsibilities represents 22% of the budget; sewers represent 11%; trash collection - 5%; parks and recreation - 5%; libraries just 4%; debt service - 8%.

It is these last items – health insurance benefits and pension benefits – on which I wish to make a couple of comments. Whereas, Township employees perform exemplary service on behalf of the township and have negotiated for these benefits in prior contracts, it is clear to me that Cheltenham and its taxpayers cannot afford such rich benefits, especially the lifetime health benefits currently paid to employees plus spouses and children. The 2014 draft Budget includes both a 6% increase in the real estate tax and a decrease in the fund balance. This is problematic unless every effort to reduce expenses has been acted upon. We cannot afford to promise our current employees that we will pay for health insurance after you retire. Take another look at the Group health Insurance expense of \$5.5 Million; \$2.4 Million or 45% of our total health care expense is for retired employees. I do not believe this is fair to the taxpayers who are being asked to pay higher taxes. This retirement health benefit is a huge and growing expense; currently estimated by our actuaries at \$75 Million for all employees. We must address this retirement health expense to prevent further tax increases.

While it is never easy to ask employees to give back previously negotiated benefits, Cheltenham cannot afford to pay lifetime health benefits to all its employees, including Commissioners. In 2014 alone, the cost to pay health benefits for retired Commissioners exceeds \$80,000 or approximately \$20,000 premium per retired Commissioner. Retired Commissioners receive fully paid health benefits for their entire family with no contribution from the Commissioner. Can we really say that we have “cut expenses to the bone” and still leave untouched fully paid health insurance for life?

I do not believe this is fair to the taxpayers who are being asked to pay higher taxes. We are currently negotiating with two employee unions; salaried Staff and Sanitation Department employees.

I ask the employees to work with us. I ask the Commissioners to take the lead and give up this fully paid lifetime health benefit, and I ask the residents to participate in the discussion by making your voices heard”.

b. Mr. Portner asked Mr. Norris if he was suggesting that all retired employee benefits be eliminated. Mr. Norris replied that since the Township is in discussion with the unions, it is a difficult question for him to answer. Mr. Haywood felt that this discussion was more appropriate under New Business, and that the Board needed to take action at this time on the adoption of the 2014 Budget.

c. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the 2014 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2014 Liquid Fuels Budget (available as a link on the Homepage of the Township website: www.cheltenhamtownship.org).

d. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners approval to assume a 2014 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2,800,000 to be underwritten for a period of three (3) months, and for this transaction to be managed by Acacia Financial Group, Inc.

e. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to table action of a proposed Resolution authorizing the filing of a 50/50 cost-sharing grant application with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Early Intervention Program for a financial management study and analysis of the Township's other post-employment benefits and employee pension obligations as presented this evening.

f. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Finance Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 13, 2013.

13. Under New Business:

a. Mr. Haywood advised that he is a member of the Steering Committee for the Montgomery County Planning Commission's New Comprehensive Plan 2040. He encouraged everyone to attend a series of public meetings on the plan. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2013, at the Upper Merion Township Municipal Building from 4pm to 6 pm. Information is available on the county's website.

b. Discussion ensued among the Board of Commissioners about Mr. Norris' earlier statement relating to budget expenses, particularly health care and pension benefits.

Mr. Haywood cautioned that matters involving union negotiations, personnel or legal issues are not to be discussed.

Mr. Bagley advised that if the Board of Commissioners is involved in confidential issues, it would require a vote of the entire Board to divulge that confidentiality.

Mr. Norris stated that he wanted his position to be clear. It is his personal opinion. He is in favor of eliminating all retiree health benefits for those employees with less than 15-years of service and for all retired Commissioners.

Ms. Hampton supported Mr. Norris.

Mr. Portner questioned the legality of some of Mr. Norris' recommendations.

It was Mr. Sharkey's opinion that the Board was dangerously close to hampering negotiations with the bargaining units, and recommended ceasing any further discussion on this matter. The Board unanimously agreed, and discussion concluded.

c. Upon motion of Mr. McKeown, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a Proclamation commemorating the 90th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 22. Said Proclamation will be presented by Mr. McKeown at a Boy Scout event on November 23, 2013.

14. Under Old Business: None.

15. Under Citizens' Forum: Ann Rappoport stated that she was not aware of the Commissioners' benefits and appreciated the clarification.

Mr. Norris responded that the current Commissioners contribute 1% of their \$6,000 salary and retired Commissioners do not make a contribution.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix

**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 48-13

WYNCOTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY / FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP ("Developer") is the owner and developer of a certain tract of land consisting of 5.121± acres with frontage on Church Road, Rices Mill Road, and Barker Road in Cheltenham Township on which the Developer intends to demolish the existing two-story elementary school and associated facilities, and construct a new two-story elementary school with parking facilities, playgrounds, stormwater management, and associated improvements (the "Development"); and

WHEREAS, the Development is more particularly shown on plans prepared by Renew Design Group, being plans consisting of twenty-seven (27) sheets dated April 5, 2013 with a final revision date of September 6, 2013 (the "Plans"); and

WHEREAS, Developer has previously obtained and supplied or will obtain and supply to the Township all applicable permits from all Authorities, Agencies and Municipalities having jurisdiction in any way over the Development and any necessary offsite easements to legally discharge stormwater or connect to utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Developer desires to obtain preliminary/final land development approval of the Plans from Cheltenham Township in accordance with Section 508 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Cheltenham Township hereby grants preliminary/final approval of the land development as shown on the Plans described herein subject, however, to the following conditions:

1. At this time, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners waives strict compliance with the following provisions of the Cheltenham Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

a. Section 260-8.A, requiring secondary streets to have a minimum sixty foot (60') right-of-way and a minimum pavement width of thirty-six feet (36'). The developer has offered the ultimate right-of-way along the subject property's frontage on Church Road to the Township.

b. Section 260-32.D(2) and (5), requiring the location, names and widths of streets, including those shown on the Township plan of streets; the location and name of railroads; the location of property lines and names of owners; and the location of watercourses, sanitary sewers, storm drains and similar features as well as topography based on Cheltenham Township sewer data within four hundred feet (400') of the parcel. A partial waiver is hereby granted in consideration of the aerial photograph submitted by the Developer as part of the Plans.

2. At this time, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners waives strict compliance with the following provisions of the Cheltenham Township Watershed Stormwater Management Ordinance:

a. Section 290-13.B(5), requiring plans to depict the location of all existing and proposed utilities, sanitary sewers, and water lines within fifty feet (50') of property lines.

3. Prior to the recording of the Plans, the Developer shall revise the Plans to resolve to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer all issues set forth in the review letter of Boucher & James, Inc., dated September 30, 2013, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

4. The Developer agrees to comply with the recommendations contained in the traffic engineering review letters prepared by Frank Tavani, P.E., PTOE, dated January 3, 2013, and October 4, 2013, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, the Township's Traffic Consultant, and the Board of Commissioners. The entire contents of the January 3 and October 4, 2013 traffic engineering review letters are incorporated herein by reference.

5. The Developer agrees to provide a minimum of two (2) staff members or school district employees to manage the parent drop-off/pick-up queue, and up to four (4) staff members or school district employees in the event that it is determined by the Township and School District that additional staff is required to properly manage such queue.

6. The Developer agrees that "Parent Parking Rules" shall be distributed to parents of children attending the proposed elementary school at least two (2) times per annum. The "Rules" and information distributed shall inform the parents of the proper operations and procedures for traffic flow in and around the school during drop-off and pick-up of students. The "Rules" and information shall also specify that there shall be no student drop-off or pick-up along Rices Mill Road.

7. Prior to recording the Plans, Developer shall enter into a Land Development and Financial Security Agreement with Cheltenham Township. The Agreement shall be satisfactory to the Township Solicitor and the Board of Commissioners and the Developer shall obligate itself to complete all of the public improvements shown on the Plans in accordance with Township criteria and specifications as well as to secure the completion of the said public

improvements by posting satisfactory financial security as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

8. Although the maintenance of all stormwater collection, detention and conveyance facilities shall be the responsibility of Developer, its successors and assigns, Developer shall, prior to the recording of the Plans, execute a declaration to reserve easements in favor of the Township so that the stormwater facilities may be maintained by the Township (with all expenses charged to the Developer) in the event that the maintenance responsibilities of the stormwater facilities are not fulfilled after reasonable notice to do so. The declaration shall be subject to the review and approval of the Township Solicitor and shall be recorded simultaneously with the Plans.

9. The Development shall be constructed in strict accordance with the content of the Plans, notes on the Plans and the terms and conditions of this Preliminary/Final Approval Resolution.

10. The cost of accomplishing, satisfying and meeting all of the terms and conditions and requirements of the Plans, notes to the Plans, this Preliminary/Final Approval Resolution, and the Land Development and Financial Security Agreement shall be borne entirely by the Developer and shall be at no cost to the Township.

11. Developer shall provide the Township Manager and the Township Engineer with at least seventy-two (72) hours notice prior to the initiation of any grading or ground clearing (whether for the construction of public improvements or in connection with individual buildings or additions) so that the Township may certify that all appropriate erosion and sedimentation control facilities have been properly installed and also that snow fencing or other types of boundary markers (acceptable to the Township) have been installed to protect such trees as are specifically proposed not to be eliminated during the construction of the Development.

12. Consistent with Section 509(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (as amended) the payment of all applicable fees and the funding of all escrows under the Land Development and Financial Security Agreement must be accomplished within ninety (90) days of the date of this Resolution unless a written extension is granted by Cheltenham Township. Until the applicable fees have been paid and the escrows fully funded, the final plat or record plan shall not be signed nor recorded. In the event that the fees have not been paid and the escrow has not been funded within ninety (90) days of this Resolution (or any written extension thereof), this contingent approval shall expire and be deemed to have been revoked.

13. Under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the Developer has the right to accept or reject conditions imposed by the Board of Commissioners upon preliminary/final approval. In the absence of an appeal or a notice of rejection filed in writing within thirty (30) days from the date of this Resolution, the conditions set forth herein shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Developer. If the Township receives written notice of an appeal or rejection of any of the conditions set forth herein within thirty (30) days from the date of this Resolution, this approval and the waivers granted in Paragraphs 1 and 2 (which waivers are granted contingent upon the acceptance of the conditions set forth herein) shall be deemed to be automatically rescinded and revoked and the application shall be considered denied based upon the failure to fully comply with all of the sections set forth in Paragraph 1, all as authorized by Section 508 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

APPROVED at the public meeting of the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners
held on November 20, 2013.

CHELtenham TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



By: _____
Art Haywood
President



Attest: _____
Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager
and Secretary

CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 44-13

WHEREAS, Montgomery County continues to engage in its review and analysis of whether to continue the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County (“Authority”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s current duties include among other items, providing waste transfer services, waste disposal services, enforcement of rules and regulations, scale house operations, waste generation fee collection, financial services, biennial waste generation study updates, surveys and appeals, special collection events and recycling information distribution; and

WHEREAS, in order to supply information and feedback to the Commissioners of the County of Montgomery about the County’s review and analysis, the Authority has circulated a memorandum requesting certain stakeholder municipalities to indicate: (1) their support in continuing to have the County organize the waste system as a consortium and (2) their intent to participate/continue to participate in the Authority.

BE IT RESOLVED, that by this Resolution the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township indicates: (1) its non-binding support of the organization of the solid waste system in eastern Montgomery County as a consortium and (2) Cheltenham Township’s intent to continue to participate in the disposal of solid waste through use of the Authority.

DONE IN ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham, this 20th day of November, A.D., 2013, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred ninth.

Resolved and adopted this 20th day of November, A.D., 2013.

TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM



ATTEST:



Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager/Secretary

BY:

Art Haywood, President
Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
RESOLUTION NO. 45-13**

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE NATURAL LANDS TRUST UNDER THE
PECO GREEN REGION OPEN SPACE GRANT PROGRAM FOR
ROCK CREEK GREENWAY RIPARIAN BUFFER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cheltenham is desirous of implementing various landscape management components identified in the Rock Creek Greenway Plan prepared by the Temple University and the township residents through a community visioning process, which said plan incorporates portions of implementation projects in the Township's Rivers Conservation Plan, also referred to as the *Tookany Creek Watershed Management Plan*, dated October 2003, to improve the overall health of the Rock Creek tributary and Tookany Creek stream corridor which flow through the Township Parklands; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cheltenham desires to apply to the Natural Lands Trust under the PECO Green Region Open Space Grant Program for a matching grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the purposes of assisting in the implementation of a Greenway Riparian Buffer Enhancement Project along the Rock Creek tributary which flows through ±21.81 acres of Curtis Arboretum from Cedarbrook Middle School to Washington Lane; and

WHEREAS, the general public, including community stakeholders, representatives and partners of the Tookany-Tacony/Frankford Watershed Partnership, the Cheltenham Township Environmental Advisory Council, Parks and Recreation Committee has had the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan elements that are being submitted for funding to the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners have committed to fund this project through a combination of other grant sources, in-kind services, and/or local funds, in order to make up the necessary total project cost estimated at \$200,000 as identified in the attached Cost Estimate (Exhibit A).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the Township Administration be authorized to submit a grant application to the Natural Lands Trust under the Green Region Open Space Grant Program for FY 2013 for funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the implementation of this project described herein.

DONE IN ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham, this 20th day of November, A.D., 2013, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred fourteenth.

Resolved and adopted this 20th day of November, A.D., 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM



By _____
Art Haywood, President



ATTEST: _____
Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager

EXHIBIT "A"

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST BY MUNRO ECOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC.

Opinion of Probable Construction Cost for Rock Creek Greenway Riparian
Buffer Enhancement Project at Curtis Arboretum
Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, PA

<u>Scope of Work</u>	<u>Cost</u>
I. Exotic Plant Removal, Herbicide Applications	\$ 27,640.
II. Erosion Control Measures, Organic Amendments, Tree Removals	\$ 5,000.
III. Site Grading, Stabilization of Streambank Treatment	\$ 52,960.
IV. Landscaping, Plant Materials and Fencing	\$ 43,400.
V. Creation of Vegetative Infiltration along Riparian areas	\$ 20,000.
VI. Educational Signage	\$ 2,500.
VII. Stream Ford Crossing Device	\$ 15,000.
VIII. Professional Consultant Services	\$ 25,000.
(Design of Plans, Construction documents and permits)	\$15,000.
(Bidding Phase)	\$ 2,000.
(Construction Administration Phase)	\$ 8,000.
IX. Ancillary Costs for Bonds and Mobilization	\$ 7,000.
X. Post Monitoring Activities	\$ <u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 200,000.

**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 46-13**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR THE CIRCUIT, GREATER PHILADELPHIA'S REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK. BY CONNECTING THE CIRCUIT, OUR REGION WOULD HAVE THE COUNTRY'S MOST ROBUST AND VITAL TRAIL SYSTEM, WHERE PEOPLE COULD WALK OR BIKE TO WORK, RUN AN ERRAND, OR GET EXERCISE WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE MILES BEFORE ACCESSING A TRAIL. FEWER CHILDREN AND ADULTS WOULD SUFFER FROM OBESITY AND RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE EASY ACCESS TO PLACES TO WALK, RUN, BIKE OR PADDLE NEAR THEIR HOME. EACH NEWLY-BUILT SEGMENT OF THE CIRCUIT CONNECTS MORE PEOPLE TO JOBS, SHOPPING DESTINATIONS, OUTDOOR RECREATION, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS. THE CIRCUIT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO EMPOWER PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY COMMUNITIES WITH NEW OPTIONS, NEW ENERGY AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SOME OF THE MOST LIVABLE IN THE NATION.

WHEREAS, trails are extremely popular, benefit all community members and consistently rank high among amenities that people want more of,

WHEREAS, trails such as the Schuylkill River Trail have over 800,000 users annually,

WHEREAS, physically active adults are estimated to spend \$1,000 per year LESS on medical expenditures than inactive adults and trails help the region avoid \$199 million annually in direct medical costs,

WHEREAS, trail projects are cost effective, address economic and social issues by fostering economic development, boost tourism, create jobs, and improve market value of real estate nearby trail corridors and increasing access to open space,

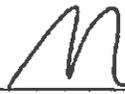
WHEREAS, a connected regional trail network will add value to Greater Philadelphia's existing parks and historical/cultural venues, will expand and connect a unique and highly visible amenity that is a legacy for the region's future and keeps the region competitive for the future.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham recognize that public investment in trails must continue in order to build the remaining 450 miles so that the entire 750 miles of trails are connected into one network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Cheltenham supports Montgomery County's allocation of additional state or federal transportation funding to support the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Regional Trail Program so that new trail segments can be planned for, designed and constructed to Connect the Circuit, the Township of Cheltenham also supports Montgomery County allocating County funds to support planning, design and construction of trails within our County.

RESOLVED this day 20th day of November, month, A.D., 2013

CHELtenham TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 

Art Haywood
President

Attest: 

Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager
and Secretary

**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 47-13**

**AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A PLANNING ASSISTANCE CONTRACT WITH THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PLANNING
ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Commission (“the Commission”) has provided planning assistance and technical services, professional planners and support staff to Cheltenham Township (“the Township”) for the purpose of reviewing subdivision, land developments and ordinance amendments, and performing planning studies as required by Act 247, The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code;

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes that it wants to continue the planning assistance relationship with the county;

WHEREAS, the Commission will assist the Township in the completion of a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update and maps;

WHEREAS, the Commission will assist the Township in the audit of intersections throughout the Township to determine pedestrian and bicycle accessibility;

WHEREAS, the Commission will assist the Township in updating its Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the Commission will assist the Township on the implementation of the Township’s Sustainability Plan;

WHEREAS, the Commission will provide the Township with Enhanced Land Development Reviews;

WHEREAS, the Commission will provide the Township with assistance on special projects, reviews and meeting attendance;

I, Bryan T. Havir, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Cheltenham, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners as a regular meeting held on October 16, 2013, at Curtis Hall, Church Road and Greenwood Avenue, Wyncote, PA, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Township of Cheltenham and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of Cheltenham on this **20th** day of **November, 2013**.

TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



By: _____
Art Haywood, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Bryan T. Havir, Secretary/Manager

*A Proclamation
of the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township*

Whereas, **CHELtenham BOY SCOUT TROOP 22** was granted its original charter by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America as Troop 2 on September 23, 1923. The roster included 32 scouts, and meetings were held in the Cheltenham Methodist Church until relocating to the Cheltenham Fire House in 1930. A Scout Cabin was constructed on Tookany Parkway in 1936 and remodeled in 1968. It is now dedicated to Edward F. Drach, who was first a scout and then served as Scoutmaster for the troop for 41 years; and

Whereas, Eighty-seven members of **CHELtenham BOY SCOUT TROOP 22** have achieved Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the scouting program. Interestingly, they include six father and son duos who each attained that honor; and

Whereas, Today, **CHELtenham BOY SCOUT TROOP 22** still honors its 90-year tradition of teaching youths “duty to self, duty to God and country, and duty to others” but recently avowed that no youth may be denied membership on the basis of sexual orientation or preference alone. The troop has enriched well over 1,000 boys in its 90 years of continuous service to the Cheltenham community and proudly looks forward to continuing strong for generations to come.

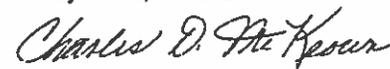
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ART HAYWOOD, President of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, and I, CHARLES D. McKEOWN, Commissioner of Ward Seven, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 23, 2013, as “**CHELtenham BOY SCOUT TROOP 22 DAY** in Cheltenham Township.” In doing so, we urge every citizen to recognize and appreciate the many benefits rendered by the troop over the past 90 years.

DONE IN ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, under our hands and the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham, this Twentieth Day of October, A.D., 2013, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred and fourteenth.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP**

By: 

Art Haywood, President

Attest: 

Charles D. McKeown, Commissioner


Attest: _____
Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager and Secretary

