

A regular meeting of the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** was held this evening, President Morton J. Simon, Jr. presiding. Members present were Commissioners Brockington (via telephone), Holland, Norris, Pransky and Rappoport.

Staff present were Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; Charlyn Battle, Director of Human Resources, Nancy Gibson, Public Information and Complaint Officer; John Frye, Acting Chief of Police; John Weed, Police Lieutenant, Officer Michael Eves; Officer Andy Snyder; Bruce Rangnow, Director of Fiscal Affairs; Henry Sekawungu, Director of Planning and Zoning; Chris Clewell, Public Works Superintendent; and Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager. Also present was Joseph Bagley, Esq., Township Solicitor. A public attendance list is attached.

1. The meeting commenced at 7:43 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Commissioner Holland.

Mr. Simon announced that prior to the meeting the Commissioners held an Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation.

2. Each member having received a copy of the Commissioners' Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 15, 2016, upon motion of Mr. Norris, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.

3. Each member having received a copy of the Executive Summary Financial Report of the Manager/Secretary for the month of June 2016, upon motion of Mr. Holland, 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 May 2016, upon motion of Mr. Holland, the Report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.

5. Pennsylvania Chief of Police Association President, Chief William Kelly of Abington Township, presented the Cheltenham Township Police Department with its reaccreditation and acknowledged their accomplishments in receiving such an honor.

Commissioner Simon thanked Chief Kelly for his time and recognizing the Cheltenham Township Police Department with this honor. Commissioner Simon acknowledged the Police Department for their hard work and then reminded everyone of the Meet and Greet event with the Police Department that will take place on Thursday, June 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Keneseth Israel located at 8339 Old York Road in Elkins Park.

Commissioner Simon also reminded the Community of the Open House event being held on July 27, 2016 at the Cheltenham Township Police Station. All emergency personnel including the Fire and Emergency Medical Services departments will participate in the event. This is an opportunity for the Community to become familiar with the public safety employees of Cheltenham Township.

6. Leigh Altadonna, President of the Wyncote Audubon Society, a member of the Audubon Pennsylvania Board and the National Audubon Society and Steve Saffier, Coordinator

of the Audubon Pennsylvania Bird Town Program, presented the honor of Cheltenham Township becoming a Bird Town Community. The plaque was accepted and received by Kurt Aherns, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council.

7. Review and acceptance of the Public Works Committee meeting minutes dated July 6, 2016:

- a. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the COA for Application W16-168, 304 Bent Road, Wyncote, with the conditions presented, including the use of 10 inch columns, a 42 inch railing with square posts, and mahogany floor boards.
- b. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the COA for Application W16-169, 108 Greenwood Avenue, Wyncote, for the installation of a new 6 foot high solid wood fence with a finished top pile, which shall be stained to preserve and enhance the wood of the fence.
- c. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners, approved by a 4-0 vote (yea: Brockington, Holland, Norris, Simon; abstain: Pransky, Rappoport) the Adoption of **Resolution No. 80-16** establishing conditions of approval for CTDA #16-01: Dobson Property Subdivision, 425 Greenwood Avenue, Wyncote, PA.
- d. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Adoption of **Resolution No. 81-16** authorizing the Township Manager to sign a TE-160 Application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the SEPTA Cheltenham-Ogontz Bus Loop.

Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of July 6, 2016.

8. Review and acceptance of Building and Zoning Committee meeting minutes dated July 6, 2016.

- a. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the authorization for the Township Solicitor to appeal the decision of the Cheltenham Township Zoning Hearing Board for Appeal No. 16-3548 to permit a hookah bar at 107B South Easton Road, Glenside, to the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas.

Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Building and Zoning Committee meeting minutes dated July 6, 2016.

Commissioner Sharkey entered the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

9. Review and acceptance of the Public Safety Committee meeting minutes dated July 13, 2016.

- a. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the authorization to advertise the intent to consider adopting an amendment to Chapter 285, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2016.

- b. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the adoption of **Resolution No. 82-16** approving the continuation of the existing Emergency Operations Plan.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Building and Zoning Committee meeting minutes dated July 6, 2016.

10. Review and acceptance of the Public Affairs Committee meeting minutes dated July 13, 2016:

- a. Authorization for Township Staff to work with Abington Deer Management to implement a Deer Management Program at select Township-owned properties.

Mr. Doug Wendell, Abington Township Director of Parks and Recreation, discussed Abington's experience with Abington Deer Management (ADM). Mr. Wendell explained that Abington Township has had numerous controlled hunts in Alverthorpe Park with no incidents and has had no safety issues or concerns.

Questions and discussions were held with regards to the safety of residents. ADM reassured the Board of Commissioners and the community that all safety precautions are strictly adhered to and that over the twenty years they have been hunting with the use of archers, they have had no incidents.

Ms. Rappoport clarified statistics related to Lyme disease cases and vehicle accidents caused by deer.

Public Comments were as follows:

Carla Teckett – 7829 Spring Avenue, Elkins Park: Expressed concerns over the inconsistency in the statistics. Mr. Teckett also expressed concerns with the risks and the dangers the Community may be exposed to if the Township approves controlled hunting of the deer in the Township.

Joe Lewis – Wister Drive, Wyncote: Mr. Lewis asked the Board of Commissioners to weigh the options – either the deer or human health.

Denise Marshal – 1036 Rock Creek Drive, Wyncote: Ms. Marshall shared with the Board of Commissioners her concern with the overpopulation of deer in her neighborhood stating that one morning there were four (4) deer on her lawn and she cannot use her patio.

Dorene McNeill – 1118 Rock Creek Drive, Wyncote: Ms. McNeill stated that she contracted Lyme disease in 2006 and again in 2014, which has caused chronic debilitating health issues. Ms. McNeill has serious concerns of exposure to herself, her children and grandchildren.

Florence Brittingham – 7740 Green Valley Road, Wyncote: Ms. Brittingham asked that the Township provide statistics and timely communication. Ms.

Brittingham also asked that the Township provide barriers and signs of hunting/warnings.

Fred Milbert – 1100 Prospect Avenue, Melrose Park: Mr. Milbert asked the Board of Commissioners to make a decision.

Monique Udoh – 7915 Green Lane, Wyncote, PA – Ms. Udoh shared with the Board of Commissioners that she has allowed ADM to hunt on her property when she became concerned with the overpopulation of deer on her property and had no concerns or safety issues.

Mr. Sharkey asked ADM to provide a report to the Township in February/March time frame. Mr. Sharkey also requested that ADM provide appropriate signage and coordinate with Township employees (Public Works and Police) to provide a schedule and location of any hunting. Mr. Simon stated that ADM must provide a Certificate of Insurance.

Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners, approved by a 6-0 vote (yea: Brockington, Holland, Norris, Pransky, Sharkey, Simon; abstain: Rappoport) the implementation of a Deer Management Program at select Township-owned properties to be performed by Abington Deer Management.

- b. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the authorization to adoption **Resolution No. 83-16** authorizing the filing of a FY2016 Commonwealth Finance Agency/Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Developments (CFA/DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application for Elkins Park West Phase IIB Streetscape Improvements.
- c. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the authorization for the Township Solicitor to appeal the decision of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas upholding the Cheltenham Township Zoning Hearing Board's grant of zoning relief to Hansen-Lloyd, LP for the Laverock – Falcon Hill Development at 1777 East Willow Grove Avenue. Mr. Bagley stated that the only reason this issue was addressed at Public Affairs Committee Meeting and not addressed at the Zoning Hearing Board was because of the timing of the decision.

Mr. Sharkey asked that the minutes for the EDTF be amended to include that in addition to discussing the survey, an RFP was also discussed.

Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Affairs Committee meeting minutes dated July 13, 2016.

11. Review and acceptance of the Finance Committee Regular meeting minutes dated July 13, 2016:

Mr. Norris stated that Budget meetings were scheduled and there were no other items that required the Board of Commissioners approval or attention. Mr. Norris asked that the minutes be amended on Page 1, Item #2, the last line before #3, should end with the word communicating.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Finance Committee regular meeting minutes dated July 13, 2016.

12. Old Business: None.
13. New Business: None.
14. Citizens Forum:

Margo Scavone – 808 Pardee Lane, Wyncote, PA: Ms. Scavone expressed concerns about noise and crowds at 1017 Serpentine Lane. Ms. Scavone stated that there has been loud music, trash and crowds of people in the area at all hours of the night and into the morning.

Mr. Bagley stated that the Board of Commissioners and the Cheltenham Township Police Department are aware of the issues. The Planning and Zoning Department will issue any violation notices.

Fred Milbert – 1100 Prospect Avenue, Melrose Park: Mr. Milbert asked the Board of Commissioners to consider hiring an Economic Development Officer to help promote the Township and economic development initiatives in the Township.

Rhonda Genzink Isser – 7307 N. 12th Street, Melrose, PA: Ms. Isser shared with the Commissioners that there is a group in Cheltenham called “Cheltenham Laterals Group” and they share concerns and willingness to help the Township with the issues the Township is facing with the sewer laterals.

Mr. Pransky thanked Ms. Isser and assured her that this issue is of the highest priority to the Township. The Board of Commissioners and the Township is committed to providing constant communication with the Community. At this time, there is nothing to share and the Board of Commissioners have not reached a decision. The Board of Commissioners thanked Ms. Isser for her input and sharing her ideas with the Committee.

15. There being no further business, the Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

per Vicky M. Sykes



PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST



Board of Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 @ 7:30 P.M.

Curtis Hall

1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote, PA 19095

(Please Print Clearly)

Print Name	Mailing Address	Telephone Number	E-mail Address
LEIGH ALTADONNA	161 Greenway Ave, Wyncote		
Steve Saffier	1201 Paulings Audubon		
Bern Zaitz	421 Longfellow		
Hum Estlow	7423 BARCLAY ROAD		
Kathy Bowers	415 Paxson Ave Colenside		
Ryan Genova	217 xl Easton RD Glenside		
Bernard Willie	1114 Rock Creek Wyncote		
Chester Turner	1112 Rock Creek Dr Wyncote		
Kurt Ahrens	172 Fernbrook Ave		
David Dobson	425 Greenwood Ave.		
Mike Chirco	7867 Spruce Run		
RITA Polay	21 Meeting House #14		

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