

January 8, 2008  
Township Building

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Chairman Morton J. Simon, Jr. presiding. Members present were Commissioners Greenwald, Sharkey, Swavola and Portner. Also present was Ex-Officio member Muldawer. Staff present were Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager; Ruth Littner Shaw, Main Street Manager; and David G. Kraynik, Township Manager. Also present was Library Director Carrie Turner. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Simon called the meeting to order.

1. Upon motion of Mr. Greenwald, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Property Supervisor for the month of December, 2007 was accepted.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Muldawer, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Public Information and Complaint Officer for the month of December, 2007, was accepted.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Main Street Manager for the month of December, 2007 was accepted.

4. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Staff Meeting Minutes dated November 27 and December 11, 2007, were accepted.

5. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Twinning Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 6, 2007 were accepted.

6. Upon motion of Mr. Greenwald and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Joint Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Task Force and the Main Street Program Committee dated December 12, 2007 were accepted.

7. Upon motion of Mr. Muldawer, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Historical Commission Meeting Minutes dated December 13, 2007 were accepted.

8. The Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health Committee that said committee's name be changed to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee. Committee member Brian Gralnick was present and explained that the committee felt that the proposed name was a better clarification of the committee's mission and that a number of colleges and universities consider the current name as outdated. Mr. Kraynik advised that a committee name change would require an ordinance.

9. Upon motion of Mr. Greenwald, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it is recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending the Township Code changing the name of the Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health Committee to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee (*see attachment*).

10. Upon motion of Mr. Greenwald, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 20, 2007 were accepted.

11. Library Director delivered a Quarterly Report to the Committee. Ms. Turner reviewed the following items (*see attachment*):

- Increased Library usage and operational hours.
- Status of the Citizens Committee Report.
- Keystone Grant Application to remove asbestos at the Glenside Library. The Committee discussed the terms and conditions of accepting the grant, which is in the amount of \$60,000, particularly the condition that the Township agrees that the undisturbed use of the facility as a public library continue to exist for a period of 50 years or for the useful life of the project improvements being funded by the grant, whichever is shorter.
- 2008 Challenges and Opportunities, including maintenance of facilities, staffing, increased use of technology at the libraries, and the sharing of resources with other area libraries.

**12.** Upon motion of Mr. Greenwald, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it is recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of a Resolution approving an FY 2007-08 Grant Application to Commonwealth Libraries in the amount of \$60,000, for asbestos removal at the Glenside Library (*see attachment*).

**13.** Mr. Havir explained the LaMott Census Tract's qualifications for participation in the Montgomery County Revitalization Program. The County Revitalization Program will reimburse the Township up to 80% of the project costs.

**14.** Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it is recommended to the Board of Commissioners, the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the filing of a Montgomery County Community Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$267,568 for pedestrian streetlights in LaMott (*see attachment*).

**15.** Mr. Havir explained the application for a Department of Community and Economic Development Grant for the Glenside Streetscape Improvement Project. This is a 50/50 cost sharing grant.

**16.** Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it is recommended to the Board of Commissioners, the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the filing of a DCED Community Revitalization Grant for the Glenside Streetscape Improvement Project Phase III in the amount of \$750,000 (*see attachment*).

**17. Under Citizens' Forum:** Mr. Brian Gralnick, 7610 Mountain Avenue, stated that he manages older adult programs for the United Way. He suggested that the Township focus on its older adults and consider creating a Township Committee to address their needs. Said committee could maintain a data base of volunteers who are willing to help elderly residents by doing errands, yard work, etc. and would include multi-faith entities that have a network of senior groups.

Mr. Portner agreed to contact certain multi-faith groups in his district and work with Mr. Gralnick. It was Mr. Simon's opinion that in order for the Committee to consider the formation of a new citizens committee, it would need a more specific and clear-cut concept for such a committee.

Mr. Greenwald asked that a commitment to membership also be provided.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Greenwald, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

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David G. Kraynik  
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix