

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Kathleen Hunsicker, Chair
Dr. J. Richard Booth, Vice-Chair
Edward J. Brandt
Stephen Paccione
Mark Grey

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary
Andrew Freimuth, Esq., Solicitor
Paul Kenny, Police Chief

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Foulkeways and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Community Ambulance Association, Ambler Recognition Award from American Heart Association

Tawny Jackson, American Heart Association, presented the Community Ambulance Association (CAAA) with the 2019 Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Plus Recognition Award. She stated the award is presented to emergency medical providers that meet high standards of quality care for heart attack and chest pain patients. She recognized the CAAA's commitment to the community.

Trail Presentation by the Park & Recreation Board

The Chair stated Foulkeways requested an overview from the Park and Recreation Board. Chris Saullo, member of the Park and Recreation Board, explained that Sandi Feight is the Park & Recreation Director and Mitch Kulp is the Park Superintendent. He gave a brief talk on the Township's excellent parks and walking trails. He stated their big events are the Annual Pike Fest and a special event for the 25th Anniversary of Penllyn Woods. He stated Leola Hubbard is the Chair of the Park and Recreation Board and was instrumental in the 25th Anniversary of Penllyn Woods. Mr. Saullo stated under consideration is a Township Dog Park. He stated the Township trail connections are part of land development. He asked the residents of Foulkeways to contact the Park & Recreation Department with potential opportunities. He asked for Board comments. Ms. Hunsicker stated Penllyn Woods saved 140 houses from being built and it was a legal battle. She suggested Foulkeways invite Leola Hubbard to come out to speak to the residents. She stated the MRA development will add two trail connections across Norristown Road. Mr. Brandt stated he is proud to be one of the three remaining members alive who championed Penllyn Woods. He stated he is proud of Foulkeways and Lower Gwynedd Township which has one of the lowest taxes in the County. Dr. Booth commended Dick Target on the coordination of his trail marking system.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Receipt of Meeting Minutes: **September 10, 2019**
 September 24, 2019

The Board of Supervisors received the September 10, 2019 and September 24, 2019 Meeting minutes. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the September 10, 2019 and September 24, 2019 Meeting minutes. The motion carried 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda. There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supplemental Appropriation – Pension Plans

This item was tabled.

WQIP Update by Supervisor Grey

Mr. Grey gave a talk on the Water Quality Improvement Program. He explained that the Wissahickon Creek is not healthy, and has been designated as an impaired waterway. The issue is stormwater runoff and the rate at which the stormwater is hitting the creek. It is washing out all of the bugs from the stream. The runoff collects all of the chemicals from the surface and it is polluting the creek. The EPA does not give directives on how to fix the problem but just says to figure it out. He said there are 60 square miles of Wissahickon Creek in 13 townships with 4 wastewater treatment plants working together to address the issue. He stated the Management Committee of the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership is comprised of the 13 Townships and the 4 wastewater treatment plants. He stated on September 30, 2019 the Management Committee submitted their Draft Water Quality Improvement Plan. Mr. Grey stated the EPA asked the local governments to figure out the solution which is not cheap. He stated the William Penn Foundation provided funding for the study. He stated the Wissahickon Creek provides drinking water to Philadelphia. He stated the Management Committee believes they have the answer, but they need to hear back from EPA. The Chair thanked Mr. Grey for his presentation.

Resolution 2019 – 20: Tax Collection Committee Delegates

Mr. McAnally stated the Tax Collection Committee has one delegate change from current Finance Director, Steve Wiesner to the new Finance Director, Chuck Wilson. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to adopt Resolution No. 2019 – 20: Tax Collection Committee Delegates. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Sale of Retire Equipment

Mr. McAnally stated the Public Works Department asked for permission to advertise and receive bids and sell a Kerosene Torpedo Heater and 2006 Ford Crown Victoria through Municibid. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the advertisement of the above items through Municibid and receive bids. The motion carried 5 – 0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Report from the Manager – Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally stated the Route 202S Road Project was awarded to J. D. Morrissey. He stated it will start at Meetinghouse Road to East Norriton for \$39.9 million and will start on October 28th and continue for approximately six years.

He stated Township Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day.

Mr. Paccione thanked Foulkeways for hosting the Board of Supervisors meeting. He stated it's always nice to hear from your local officials who work for you.

Dr. Booth said thanks for the invite, and it's always a pleasure being at Foulkeways.

Mr. Brandt echoed the above comments and thanked Mr. Saullo and Mr. Grey for their presentations. He commended Mr. Grey for the time he spends on the Management Committee of the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership which is an unfunded mandate for DEP and EPA. He said it's an honor to be hear tonight.

Mr. Grey said plant more trees.

Ms. Hunsicker seconds the above works of the Board. She said it's a special place to visit.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. until the Special Budget Meeting on October 15, 2019 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth
Assistant Secretary