

**Lower Gwynedd Township
Human Relations Commission
Thursday, March 7, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Commission Members Present:

Christine Lamar
Stella Lee
Andrew Abramson

Commission Members Absent:

Meredith Roark
Tina Martin

Supervisors Present:

Jimmy Chong

Staff:

Michelle Farzetta – absent (taking minutes via recording)

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from January 4, 2024 – Mr. Abramson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Lamar. Motion passed 3-0.

Update to Tri-States Human Relations Commission Meeting 2/28/2024

Mr. Abramson said the commission group is working on the questionnaire. There will be one questionnaire per commission. Once Mr. Abramson receives it, he will distribute it to everyone to review. There are several HRC's participating in the group. Mr. Abramson also mentioned that as a group they are recognizing that they are not able to adopt statements or policies.

New Business

- Ms. Lamar informed everyone that the HRC page is now on the Lower Gwynedd Township Website. The public is able to view their information.
- Mr. Abramson wanted to discuss email communication. The HRC has their own email address, so how is it being utilized. After some discussion, it was decided that all communication related to HRC matters will be communicated through the HRC email and Mr. Chong. Personal emails are not to be used moving forward. Township staff will contact an individual member via a phone call to let them know to check the HRC email box if something urgent is waiting to be read.

Comments or Questions from the public

- Cathy Pagano, 411 Brookside Avenue, mentioned that she has been working on arranging the Pride Flag Ceremony. The flag raising will be held on May 31st at 5pm. Ms. Pagano asked the HRC to please be a part of the event again this year. She will be focusing on the LGBTQ seniors as a theme. She is reaching out to people to speak at the event. Madeline Dean will also be attending. Ms. Pagano will keep the HRC updated on the event.

Township updates from the Board of Supervisors Liaison- Jimmy Chong

Mr. Chong updated the HRC on various events that will be coming up in the township.

Adjournment

A motion was made at 7:35 pm to adjourn. Motion was approved 3-0.