

**Lower Gwynedd Township
Human Relations Commission
Thursday, July 11, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Commission Members Present:

Christine Lamar
Stella Lee
Tina Martin
Meredith Roark
Andrew Abramson

Supervisors Present:

Jimmy Chong

Staff:

Michelle Farzetta – absent (taking minutes via recording)

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from May 2, 2024 – Ms. Lamar made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2024, meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Tri-States Human Relations Commission Survey Questionnaire and updates

Mr. Abramson gave an update regarding the survey for the Tri-States Human Relations Commission. Tri-states have put together a questionnaire to help them figure out the best way that they can serve the HRC's in the area. Mr. Abramson went over the questions. Those discussed amongst the commission were training opportunities and taking a position regarding various issues that might arise. The Lower Gwynedd HRC chose zoom meetings in the evening and expressed an interest in mediation training. While the commission has already discussed not taking a position as a group with Tri-States, they reiterated this on the survey. Members of the Commission also expressed interest in in-person community presentations. Mr. Abramson is going to complete the questionnaire and submit in on the Lower Gwynedd Township HRC's behalf.

Discussion regarding update to LG Township Ordinance

Ms. Lamar opened a discussion regarding the ordinance that established the Lower Gwynedd HRC. There had been previous conversation regarding changing some of the language due to the war that broke out between Israel and Gaza in February. There was an active conversation regarding whether all races were addressed in the ordinance. If everything is covered then there is no need to make any changes. It was noted that Whippain Township passed a resolution in February to supplement their HRC ordinance. The Lower Gwynedd BOS made a statement in February regarding the situation in Israel and Gaza. The HRC is asking that in the future any

statements made be on behalf of both the BOS and the HRC. They also asked if an issue where to come up that directly involves our Township and that a resolution be drawn up to address the issue. Mr. Chong stated that he will look into the policies to put a resolution in place.

New Business

There was no new business to address.

Comments or Questions from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Township updates from the Board of Supervisors Liaison- Jimmy Chong

Mr. Chong did not have any updates. He reviewed the upcoming meeting dates of September 5th and November 7th with everyone.

Adjournment

Ms. Lamar made a motion at 7:45 pm to adjourn. Motion was approved 5-0.