

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 in the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners ZAPPONE, SPIEGELMAN, SANCHEZ, ROTHMAN, MYERS, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, FARREN, GILLESPIE, HECKER, KALINOSKI, KLINE, LUKER
Excused: MARKMAN

Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police LIVINGOOD
Assistant Finance Director HERMANN
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Parks & Recreation OLES
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Fire Marshal CLARK
Community Development Director STROTHER
Planning & Zoning Official PENECALE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION:

Presentation from the Helping Hand Foundation to both PAL and CAPT:

Chuck Marsh, Vice President of the Helping Hand Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization in Abington, said after more than two decades of service to the community, the Helping Hand Foundation will be folding the organization and cease operations and the checks that will be presented tonight represent the remaining balance of the foundation. We are confident that CAPT and PAL organizations will manage these funds well as they continue their important work of serving our young people and needy citizens throughout Abington Township.

On behalf of all Board members of the Helping Hand Foundation both past and present it has been an honor to serve the Abington community. Checks in the amount of \$40,000 each were presented to President of CAPT, Commissioner Kalinoski and accepting for PAL, Commissioner Myers and Chief Livingood

Commissioner Myers said she knows this means a lot to the CAPT organization, but for our Abington Police Athletic League (PAL), this means a tremendous amount of programming as the children do no pay for anything, so this will go to the youth of Abington Township.

SWEARING IN:

Swearing in of three New Police Officers by District Justice John D. Kessler:

Chief Livingood said this evening, we will be swearing in Abington's newest police officers.

Officer Adrian DeAngelo resides in Abington and a 2012 graduate of Abington Senior High School. He completed an internship with Abington Police Department in June 2014. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in Sociology from Bloomsburg University. Adrian is a recent graduate of Temple University Police Academy.

Officer Nico Belardo was born and raised in Columbus, New Jersey and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Business from Gwynedd Mercy University in 2015. While attending Gwynedd Mercy, he was a member of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society as well as a four-year student athlete on the men's lacrosse team. Nico is a recent graduate of the Philadelphia Police Academy where he was the highest-ranking cadet in his class.

Officer Christopher Petras resides in Ambler and a 2012 graduate of Upper Dublin High School. Christopher received an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies from Montgomery County Community College in 2014 and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in 2016 from Temple University. Christopher is a recent graduate of Temple University Police Academy.

District Justice John D. Kessler administered the Oath of Office to newly sworn Police Officer Adrian DeAngelo of the Abington Township Police Department before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 13th day of April, 2017.

District Justice John D. Kessler administered the Oath of Office to newly sworn Police Officer Nico Belardo of the Abington Township Police Department before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 13th day of April, 2017.

District Justice John D. Kessler administered the Oath of Office to newly sworn Police Officer Christopher Petras of the Abington Township Police Department before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 13th day of April, 2017.

President Luker recessed the meeting at 7:44 p.m. until 7:46 p.m.

PROCLAMATION – “ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE” – April 22, 2017

Commissioner Sanchez read Proclamation of “Arbor Day Observance” in Abington into the record.

PROCLAMATION

“Arbor Day Observance” in Abington

WHEREAS, the trees and other natural resources of Abington Township are fundamental elements in the vitality of our community; and

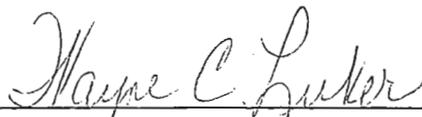
WHEREAS, the urban forest of Abington Township provides us with immeasurable environmental, human health, economic, educational, family and social benefits; and

WHEREAS, in the month of April an annual celebration of Arbor Day is held in Abington Township as part of the National Observance and as a project of our Shade Tree Commission and our Environmental Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, all the people of Abington are invited to participate in our 2017 celebration and tree planting at Memorial Island, Abington, PA on April 22nd beginning at 9:00 AM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Abington Township Board of Commissioners that April 22, 2017, is designated “Arbor Day.” The Board issues this proclamation calling upon the people of Abington Township to observe the day by joining our celebration and by continuing to enhance the environment by planting trees in our community. **APPROVED THIS thirteenth day of April 2017.**

Abington Township Board of Commissioners



Wayne C. Luker, President



Michael LeFevre, Secretary



APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 9, 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

APPOINTMENT:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to appoint Valerie Odele Ward to serve as an alternate member to the Civil Service Commission through December 31, 2022.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Farren asked for some background information on this candidate as he does not know Ms. Ward.

President Luker replied Ms. Ward is a constituent of his and he will forward a copy of her resume to Commissioner Farren for review. He, along with Commissioners Myers and Kalinoski can vouch for Ms. Ward as she has been a long-time volunteer of many community events and organizations.

Commissioner Schreiber noted that Ms. Ward is being considered as an alternate member.

Commissioner Myers added that Ms. Ward has been a very strong supporter of the Township and Police Department and there is no one else in this Township who has more volunteer hours than Ms. Ward. She volunteers every Friday and Saturday night at PAL registering the children.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to appoint John Carne as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2019; to appoint Amy Gold McDonald to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2018; and to appoint Rosemary Jenkins to fill the unexpired term through December 41, 2017.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Vice President Kline clarified that these candidates were interviewed and then recommended by members of the Human Relations Commission. Is that correct?

President Luker replied that is correct.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

APPOINTMENT – Township Manager:

President Luker opened the floor for nominations for Township Manager.

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, to hire Richard J. Manfredi as Township Manager for Abington Township. Specific terms of Mr. Manfredi's employment shall be negotiated with the President and Vice President of the Board of Commissioners in consultation with the Township Solicitor to be presented to the Board of Commissioners for consideration at a later date, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman.

President Luker asked for any other nominations. There were none.

President Luker asked for a roll call vote to be taken on the motion on the floor as follows:

Commissioner Zappone voted no.

Commissioner Spiegelman voted yes.

Commissioner Sanchez voted yes.

Commissioner Rothman voted yes.

Commissioner Myers voted no.

Commissioner Markman was absent.

Commissioner Schreiber voted yes.

Commissioner Bowman voted yes.

Commissioner DiPlacido voted yes.

Commissioner Farren voted no.

Commissioner Gillespie voted no.

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Commissioner Hecker voted yes.

Commissioner Kalinoski voted no.

Commissioner Kline voted yes.

Commissioner Luker voted yes.

MOTION was ADOPTED 9-5.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels the “Township Manager’s contract allows for setting of own hours.” Also, she expressed concern that she does not feel “it is a good idea to pay staff to be hired out elsewhere.” She asked that the current lease of the Old York Road Historical Society not be extended. Also, she protested not being able to speak after each agenda item.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 17-012 – Washington Lane Sidewalk Enhancements – Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to adopt Resolution No. 17-012 approving Abington Township to submit an application to Montgomery County for the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program. The grant submission will support sidewalk and crosswalks along Washington Lane.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 17-012**

**A RESOLUTION OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT
APPLICATION FOR THE 2017 ROUND OF
THE MONTCO 2040 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has established the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program as a competitive funding program to assist municipalities in implementing the goals of the county comprehensive plan, Montco 2040: A Shared Vision; and

WHEREAS, the County is accepting applications for projects that advance specific goals under either of the county comprehensive plan's three themes: Connecting Communities, Sustainable Places, and a Vibrant Economy; and

WHEREAS, applications and projects must meet all stated requirements within the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program Guidebook; and

WHEREAS, Abington Township wishes to obtain \$199,774.00 from the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program to provide funding for the Washington Lane Sidewalk Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington acknowledges that any grant awarded will require a 20% match of the total grant amount; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington desires to designate an official to execute all necessary agreements and documentation related to the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County does hereby request a Montco 2040 Implementation Grant of \$199,774.00 from the Montgomery County Planning Commission to be used for the purpose of constructing sidewalk on the southeast side of Washington Lane. The proposed sidewalk would extend from the southernmost Abington Friends School driveway, in a northeasterly direction, to the intersection with Fairy Hill Road. A crosswalk would be added over Washington Lane at that location, linking to existing sidewalk on the far side of Washington Lane. The project will also include crosswalks along the route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Abington township does hereby designate Wayne C. Luker, President of the Board of Commissioners and Michael LeFevre, Township Manager, as the official(s) authorized to execute all documents and agreements between the Township of Abington and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2017.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP



Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

I, Michael LeFevre, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on April 13, 2017 and said Resolution has been recorded in the minutes of the Township of Abington and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of Abington this 13th day of April 2017.



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Name of Applicant: Township of Abington

County: Montgomery

Account Transfer Authorization

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to authorize a transfer of \$20,000 from 2017 Sump Pump Connections Expense Account No. 07-07-566-7516 to 2017 Stream Maintenance Expense Account No. 07-07-566-7514.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Jenkintown Borough Street – Light and Traffic Signal Agreement

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to have the proper officials enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement for maintenance of Traffic Signals and Street Lights located in Jenkintown Borough.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Subdivision and Land Development LD-16-06 – Steven Kozlowski – 1235 Meinel Road

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the Subdivision and Land Development application of Steven Kozlowski, applicant for the property located at 1235 Meinel Road, Abington Township. The applicant proposes to subdivide the existing property of 3.52 acres in size into six parcels. The proposed new properties will be served by a new cul-de-sac style roadway. The proposed properties range in size from 15,900 square feet to 29,180 square feet in lot area. The proposed new single-family dwellings will be served by public water, sanitary sewer, gas and electric. Each of the proposed new parcels will contain onsite rain gardens as well as public stormwater management system that is plotted to be located below the proposed new roadway. The properties are zoned in the (R-2) Residential District in Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

1. Sanitary sewer service is available for this development. An Act 537 Exemption Application has been submitted and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The applicant is required to submit a DEP approval letter prior to the recording of the final plan.
2. The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated, January 10, 2017 is to be a condition of approval of this application.
3. The applicant is required to submit a minimum of four paper copies, four Mylar copies and one PDF formatted disk of the final plan at the time the plans are submitted for Township signatures.
4. The Township is required to provide the owners of the proposed new single-family dwellings with a copy of the best management practice maintenance requirements for the care of the private rain gardens.

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

1. Waiver from Section 146.11.A. – Property Identification Plan – The plan is required to supply the tax parcel information, owner’s name and lot area for all properties within 400 feet of the site involved in this application.
2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B. – Existing Features Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all utilities on the sites and within 400 feet of the properties involved in this application.
3. Waiver from Section 146.11.C. – Proposed Layout Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all existing utilities to include the size, type and depth of all existing improvements propose to remain and be removed.
4. Waiver from Section 146-1.G – Utility Plan – The application has been submitted; however, the plan is incomplete as it does not plot the location of the required street lights, proposed gas lines, telephone lines and provide a street name.
5. Waiver from Section 146-11.H – Landscape Plan – The applicant is required to submit a plan that clearly identifies the size, type and location of all materials and vegetation proposed to be removed and all proposed vegetation proposed to be added to the site.
With the condition that the applicant submits a plan for the required street trees that include the type, size, and location of the required trees to the Township for review and approval.
6. Waiver from Section 146-11.1 – Phasing Plan – A phasing plan is required to be submitted that details the proposed timeline for construction.
7. Waiver from Section 146-11.L. – Architectural Plan – The applicant has submitted a rendering of the exterior finishes of the proposed alterations. Architectural plans have not been submitted.

8. Waiver from Section 146-39 – Street Trees – The applicant is required to plant one street tree five feet inside the front property line every 50 feet. The applicant has requested approval to plant the street trees within the front yard setback area.
9. Waiver from Section 146-9.B – Plan Categories – This section of the ordinance requires a two-stage approval process. The applicant has submitted the application as a preliminary as final Land Development Plan.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2131 – Chapter 162 – “Zoning” Article III
“Establishment of Zoning Districts” related to the Medical Marijuana Dispensary and
Medical Marijuana Grow Facility

Commissioner Luker opened Public Hearing at 8:01 p.m. and called on Township Solicitor Clarke.

Solicitor Clarke explained that the ordinance before the Board has been duly advertised. The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed the Medical Marijuana Act 16 of 2016, and the legislation is to allow two different types of uses for medical marijuana, dispensary and grower processor. The program of the medical marijuana will offer medical marijuana to patients who are residents of Pennsylvania and under a physician’s care for serious medical condition as defined by Act 16. The legislation gave the Department of Health direction to develop rules and regulations to implement the legislation and the Department of Health provided guidance on zoning issues for local municipalities.

The Department of Health will begin issuing licenses in 2017 with expected full implementation in 2018. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been divided into six regions and Montgomery County is part of Region 1, which also includes Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster and Schuylkill Counties. There will be a limited number of each different type of license for each region.

Abington Township Code currently has no provision for this use because this use was not legal in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until the passage of Act 16, Medical Marijuana Act.

Proposed ordinance allows dispensaries by-right in the Township’s Town Commercial, Special Commercial, Planned Business and Mixed-Use Districts subject to requirements set forth in the ordinance. It would also allow grower processors by conditional use in the Suburban Industrial District subject to the requirements set forth in the ordinance and subject to stringent requirements regarding security developed by the Department of Health. Proposed ordinance implements parking requirements related to the two uses.

There are two considerations in regards to this ordinance before the Board this evening; the first is the amendment made from last month's meeting, the proposed ordinance is consistent with and permitted by the medical marijuana act; and secondly, the legislature has made it clear that a municipality may not prohibit such use outright, but must make accommodations to permit uses provided the regulations do not conflict with Act 16.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Farren referred to Section 4, Chapter 162, Article VII - Use Regulations, Section 706.C of the ordinance, Item (a) and questioned whether if there were two permits could two competing businesses be located next to each other in that zoning area.

Solicitor Clarke replied this regulation comes from the State and when they use the word "lot" they are speaking about a particular piece of property, so it cannot operate on the same "lot." However, if licenses were issued for two businesses that were located on "lots" right next to each other and they comply with State law in every other instance and comply with Township regulations, there is nothing to prohibit it.

Because of the regulations for grower processors, different types of areas and different lot sizes are needed, so it may not be practical, but yes, it could happen on adjoining lots.

Commissioner Farren referred to Section 5, Chapter 162, Article VII, - Use Regulations, Section 706 D. – item (h) that says, "There shall be no emission of dust, fumes, vapors or odors which can be seen, smelled or otherwise perceived from beyond the lot line for the property where the Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor is located," and if this was an issue, would it be addressed first by the Township, the Department of Health or DEP.

Solicitor Clarke advised that if one of the facilities is located in the Township and a resident feels that dust, fumes, vapors or odors are coming from the facility, reporting it to the Township would be the first step, but then it would immediately be referred to the Department of Health.

Commissioner Hecker referred to Section 4, Chapter 162, Article VII - Use Regulations, Section 706.C – item (f) regarding "disposal plan to be reviewed and approved by the Township," is the criteria by which the Township would evaluate any disposal plan included in the language of Act 16?

Solicitor Clarke replied it is not included in the language of Act 16, but it is included in the rules and regulations that the Department of Health has developed.

Commissioner Zappone asked how many Townships are onboard with this already.

Solicitor Clarke replied some are considering not passing it, but most municipalities have begun passing it now as they do not want to get into a situation where if they do not regulate it at all then they will not have any say as to where it would be located and they do not want the Department of Health or the court to say where it could be located.

Commissioner Kalinoski clarified that the Township should pass this ordinance so as to be able to regulate where the use can be located. Is that correct?

Solicitor Clarke replied yes.

Commissioner Myers said in two different sections of the ordinance there is language regarding dispensary and grower/processor submitting a security plan to the Township; can that be amended so that the security plan is required to be reviewed by the Township's Police Department.

Mr. Penecale replied as staff policy, the Community Policing Department reviews submitted security plans.

Commissioner Kalinoski suggested that be written into the ordinance.

Solicitor Clarke said that can be added to the ordinance and it would not be a substantial change to require re-advertising.

Commissioner Myers agreed with Commissioner Kalinoski and, although it is policy, policy can change so it should be written into the ordinance.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

Mr. Blumenthal noted there was an issue discussed last month about adult daycare vs. child daycare and he questioned whether it was corrected in the advertisement of the ordinance.

Solicitor Clarke replied yes.

Commissioner Luker closed Public Hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Commissioner Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to adopt Ordinance No. 2131, amending Chapter 162 – "Zoning," Article III – "Establishment of Zoning Districts," related to the Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Medical Marijuana Grow Facility.

Commissioner Kalinoski made a MOTION to AMEND the MOTION amending Ordinance No. 2131, Section 4 Chapter 162, Article VII, - Use Regulations, Section 706.C – Use C-37 item (j) to add that the security plan shall be reviewed by Abington Township Police Department and Section 5, Chapter 162, Article VII, - Use Regulations, Section 706 D. –Use D-18 item (k) to add that the security plan shall be reviewed by Abington Township Police Department., seconded by Commissioner Myers.

MOTION to AMEND the MOTION – PASSED 14-0.

MOTION as AMENDED – PASSED 14-0.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2131

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162 – “ZONING,” AT ARTICLE II –
“DEFINITIONS,” AT SECTION 201 – “SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS,”
ARTICLE IV – “COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS,” AT SECTIONS 400.2.A -
“USES BY RIGHT” IN THE TOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, 401.2.A – “USES BY
RIGHT” IN THE SPECIAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, 402.2.A – “USES BY RIGHT”
IN THE PLANNED BUSINESS DISTRICTS;
ARTICLE V – “SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICTS,” AT SECTIONS 501.2.A – “USES BY
RIGHT” IN THE MIXED USE DISTRICTS AND 502.2.B – “USES BY CONDITIONAL
APPROVAL” IN THE SUBURBAN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS;
ARTICLE VII – “USE REGULATIONS,” AT SECTION 706 – “CATEGORIES OF
PERMITTED USES,” AT SUBSECTIONS C – “COMMERCIAL USES,” AND D –
“INDUSTRIAL USES;”
AND ARTICLE IX – “PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS,” AT
SECTIONS 901.3 – “COMMERCIAL LAND USE,” AND 901.4 – “INDUSTRIAL USES,”
RELATED TO THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington is a Township of the First Class, duly organized and existing pursuant to the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Abington Township Code (“Code”) at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 162 – “Zoning” should be amended at Article II – “Definitions,” Section 201 – “Specific Definitions”; Article IV – “Commercial Zoning Districts,” Sections 400.2.A – “Uses

by Right” in the Town Commercial Districts, 401.2.A – “Uses by Right” in the Special Commercial Districts, 402.2.A – “Uses by Right” in the Planned Business Districts; Article V – “Special Zoning Districts,” at Sections 501.2.A – “Uses by Right” in the Mixed Use Districts and 502.2.B – “Uses by Conditional Approval” in the Suburban Industrial Districts; and Article VII – “Use Regulations,” at Section 706 – “Categories of Permitted Uses,” Subsection C – “Commercial Uses,” and D – “Industrial Uses,” and Article IX – “Parking and Transportation Standards,” at Sections 901.3 – “Commercial Land Use,” and 901.4 – “Industrial Uses,” for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 162, “Zoning,” Section 201, Specific Definitions, is hereby amended to add the following definitions:

Department of Health – The Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Medical Marijuana Act – Act 16 of 2016, 35 P.S. § 10231.101 *et seq.*

Medical Marijuana Dispensary – A person, including a natural person, corporation, partnership, association, trust, or other entity, or any combination thereof, which is registered by the Department of Health under the Medical Marijuana Act to dispense medical marijuana. The term does not include a Health Care Medical Marijuana Organization under Chapter 19 of the Medical Marijuana Act.

Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor – A person, including a natural person, corporation, partnership, association, trust, or other entity, or any combination thereof, which is registered by the Department of Health under the Medical Marijuana Act to grow and process medical marijuana. The term does not include a Health Care Medical Marijuana Organization under Chapter 19 of the Medical Marijuana Act.

SECTION 2. Chapter 162, Article IV, Town Commercial Districts, Section 400.2.A, Special Commercial Districts, Section 401.2.A, Planned Business Districts, Section 402.2.A, and Article V, Mixed Use Districts, Section 501.2.A, are each hereby amended to add the following permitted use:

C-37 Medical Marijuana Dispensary

SECTION 3. Chapter 162, Article V, Suburban Industrial District, Section 502.2.B, is hereby amended to add the following conditional use:

h. **D-18 Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor**

SECTION 4. Chapter 162, Article VII, Use Regulations, Section 706.C, is amended to add the following use:

Use C-37 Medical Marijuana Dispensary, subject to the specific criteria listed below:

- (a) A Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall provide proof of registration with the Department of Health or proof that registration has been sought and is pending approval, and shall at all times maintain a valid, accurate, and up-to-date registration with the Department of Health. Should registration be denied or revoked at any time, any Township approval shall immediately become void. A Medical Marijuana Dispensary may not operate on the same site as a facility used for growing and processing medical marijuana.
- (b) A Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall at all times operate in compliance with all Department of Health regulations pertaining to such facilities.
- (c) A Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall not be operated or maintained on a parcel within 1,000 feet, measured by a straight line in all directions, without regard to intervening structures or object, from the nearest point on the property line of a parcel containing a public, private or parochial school, or child day-care center, as defined and regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health
- (d) A Medical Marijuana Dispensary must operate entirely within an indoor, enclosed, and secure facility. No exterior sales and no sidewalk displays shall be permitted. No drive-thru services shall be permitted. The use cannot be advertised on radio or television.

- (e) A Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall be limited to the hours of operation not earlier than 9:00 a.m. and not later than 9:00 p.m.
- (f) A Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall submit a disposal plan to be reviewed and approved by the Township. Medical marijuana remnants and by-products shall be disposed of according to an approved plan and shall not be placed within an exterior refuse container.
- (g) There shall be no emission of dust, fumes, vapors or odors which can be seen, smelled or otherwise perceived from beyond the lot line for the property where the Medical Marijuana Dispensary is located.
- (h) No one under the age of eighteen (18) shall be permitted in a Medical Marijuana Dispensary, unless accompanied by a caregiver as required under Section 506 of the Medical Marijuana Act.
- (i) No use of medical marijuana shall be permitted on the premises of a Medical Marijuana Dispensary.
- (j) A Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall submit a security plan to the Township, which plan shall demonstrate how it will maintain effective security and control. The security plan shall specify the type and manner of 24-hour security, tracking, recordkeeping, record retention, and surveillance system to be utilized in the facility as required by Section 1102 of the Medical Marijuana Act and as supplemented by regulations promulgated by the Department of Health pursuant to the Medical Marijuana Act.

SECTION 5. Chapter 162, Article VII, Use Regulations, Section 706.D, is hereby amended to add the following:

Use D-18 Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor, subject to the specific criteria listed below:

- (a) A Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor shall provide proof of registration with the Department of Health or proof that registration has been sought and is pending approval, and shall at all times maintain a valid, accurate, and up-to-date registration with the Department of Health. Should registration be denied or revoked at any time, any Township approval shall immediately become void.

- (b) A Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor shall at all times operate in compliance with all Department of Health regulations pertaining to such facilities.
- (c) A Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor must be located on a lot containing not less than two (2) acres.
- (d) A Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor shall not be operated or maintained on a parcel within 1,000 feet, measured by a straight line in all directions, without regard to intervening structures or object, from the nearest point on the property line of a parcel containing a public, private or parochial school, or child day-care center, as defined and regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
- (e) A Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor must operate entirely within an indoor, enclosed, and secure facility. No exterior sales and no sidewalk displays shall be permitted. No drive-thru services shall be permitted. The use cannot be advertised on radio or television.
- (f) A Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor shall be limited to the hours of operation not earlier than 9:00 a.m. and not later than 9:00 p.m.
- (g) A Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor shall submit a disposal plan to be reviewed and approved by the Township. Medical marijuana remnants and by-products shall be disposed of according to an approved plan and shall not be placed within an exterior refuse container.
- (h) There shall be no emission of dust, fumes, vapors or odors which can be seen, smelled or otherwise perceived from beyond the lot line for the property where the Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor is located.
- (i) No one under the age of eighteen (18) shall be permitted in a Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor, unless accompanied by a caregiver as required under Section 506 of the Medical Marijuana Act.
- (j) No use of medical marijuana shall be permitted on the premises of a Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor.
- (k) A Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor shall submit a security plan to the Township, which plan shall demonstrate how it will maintain effective security and control. The security plan shall specify the type and manner of 24-hour security, tracking, recordkeeping, record retention, and surveillance system to be

utilized in the facility as required by Section 1102 of the Medical Marijuana Act and as supplemented by regulations promulgated by the Department of Health pursuant to the Medical Marijuana Act.

- (1) Fencing. Each Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor use shall be completely enclosed by a fence having a minimum height of six (6) feet. The Board of Commissioners may, by Conditional Use approval, require a greater fence height when deemed by the Board to be necessary for the protection of public health and safety.

SECTION 6. Chapter 162, Article IX, Parking and Transportation Standards, is hereby amended to add the following parking requirements:

Section 901.3, Commercial Land Uses, is amended to add the following:

Use C-37: Medical Marijuana Dispensary: One (1) off-street parking space per 200 square feet of gross leasable floor area.

Section 901.4, Industrial Land Uses, is amended to add the following:

Use D-18: Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor: One (1) off-street parking space per 500 square feet of gross floor area devoted to the manufacturing area, storage area and utility area, plus one (1) off-street parking space for every 300 square feet of gross floor area devoted to sales or office area.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. REPEALER.

All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistency or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

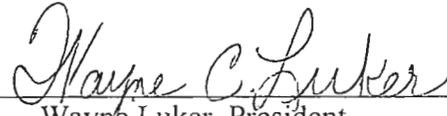
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 13th day of April, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 

Wayne Luker, President

Commissioner Kline announced that the next public hearing on proposed draft of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7 PM in this boardroom.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Ordinance No. 2137 – To Amend Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2137 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing).

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2137

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”
ARTICLE III – “PARKING REGULATIONS”
SECTION 25 – “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES; NO PARKING BETWEEN
SIGNS; NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER; PARKING PROHIBITED EXCEPT
CERTAIN HOURS; NO STOPPING OR STANDING”**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington is a Township of the First Class, duly organized and existing pursuant to the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Abington Township Code (“Code”) at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.10 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56510, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to take all needful means for securing the safety of persons or property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.49 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56549, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to regulate parking; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III – “Parking Regulations,” Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing,” should be amended for the

health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby **ENACT** and **ORDAIN** as follows:

1. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 25 – “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours,” shall be amended to **add** the following restrictions:

Name of Highway	Side	Location
Keswick Avenue	East & West	20 feet north and south of the existing crosswalks at Sylvania Avenue

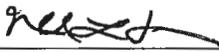
2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

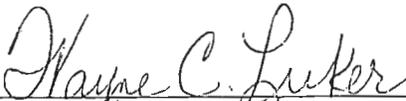
This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 13th day of April, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

Ordinance No. 2138 - To Amend Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) and Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to advertise Ordinance No. 2138 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) and Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on May 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Bid Award – Community Facility at Crestmont Park

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to accept the lowest Responsible Bidder and enter into a contract with L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,545,571.00 to construct a new community facility at Crestmont Park.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Funding of the Community Facility at Crestmont Park

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to authorize the use of funds from BB&T Account Number 1390000740639 in the amount of \$119,027.62 (as of 01/31/2017) to fund the construction of the new community facility at Crestmont Park. This account was established on August 31, 1990 for affordable housing purposes that has been replaced by funding from HUD and DCED.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.
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Grant Award Acceptance for TAP Grant Trail Development

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to accept the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant from PA Department of Transportation in the amount of \$450,000.00. The grant will support the construction costs for phase one of the bicycle plan.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Grant Award Acceptance for DCNR Grant for Design and Engineering for Bike Lane Implementation

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to accept the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant in the amount of \$90,000.00. The grant will support the design and engineering expenses to implement phase one of the bicycle plan.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Proposal Acceptance for Professional Services – Abington Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Trail

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to accept the proposal from the team of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture to prepare the construction documents through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for the Abington Trail Project at a cost not to exceed \$65,348.00.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Old York Road Historical Society Lease – Alverthorpe Manor

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to approve a Lease Addendum effective December 1, 2017, extending the Old York Road Historical Society lease at Alverthorpe Manor ten additional years and increasing the total leased area by 927 square feet. The annual rent obligation including utilities will increase to \$15,183.36 effective December 1, 2017.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Bill Condenser Replacement Project

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to advertise bid for the Condenser Replacement Project at the Abington Library.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 17-013 – Authorizing the Disposition of Certain Human Resources Records

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Resolution No. 17-013 authorizing the disposition of certain Human Resources records as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 17-013

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE
DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN HUMAN RESOURCE RECORDS

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No.11-009, adopted March 10, 2011, the Township of Abington declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968 each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

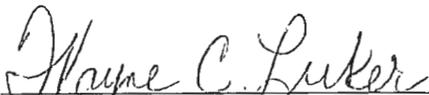
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 13th day of April, 2017, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above-cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the public records as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 

Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 17-013 (continued)

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EXHIBIT "A"

**DISPOSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE RECORDS
AS LISTED BELOW:**

2013-2014 Job Applications – Not Hired

- Retain 2 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 reference PS-2 Applications for Employment (Not Hired))

2000-2013 Health Benefit Waiver Forms

- Retain as long as of administrative value (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference AL-1 Administrative and Subject Files)

2007-2011 Internal Flu Shot Schedules and Sign-up Sheets – no medical information included

- Retain as long as of administrative value (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference AL-1 Administrative and Subject Files)

2007, 2011, 2012 Delaware Valley Health Trust Member Census Information

- Retain as long as of administrative value (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference AL-1 Administrative and Subject Files)

1999-2011 Random Drug Test Results – DOT, NON-DOT and Police personnel

- Retain as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 reference PS-4 Comply with retention requirements promulgated by the appropriate licensing agency.
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, Office of Drug & Alcohol Policy & Compliance
 - FMCSA – Motor Carrier, 49 CFR part 382.401
 - Retain 1 year : Negative drug test results
Alcohol test results less than 0.02

2009 Health Insurance Invoices

- Delaware Valley Health Trust – Medical
- Delaware Valley Health Trust – Delta Dental
- Fidelio Dental Insurance
- AETNA Medicare
- Retain 7 Years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference FN-2 Account Payable Files and Ledgers)

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of March 2017 monies received from various departments deposited into Republic Bank was in the amount of \$12,232,520 as compared to last year in the amount of \$13,034,571 representing a decrease in the amount of (\$802,051); YTD \$17,489,162 as compared to last year in the amount of \$19,080,120 representing a decrease in the amount of (\$1,590,958). Business Tax Audits collected was in the amount of \$137,951.

Tax Office collection of Real Estate Taxes as of March 2017 was in the amount of \$8,218,054; YTD \$8,916,040 leaving a balance to be collected in the amount of \$18,193,755.

Investments

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve investments for the month of February 2017 as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$150,000.00. Interest rate yields were 1.050%.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the February 2017 expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,757,658.29 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,874,223.13.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of May 2017.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 14-0. Commissioner Markman was absent during roll call.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for February 2017 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,839.23, respectively.

Two-month expenses totaled \$3,011.29.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of February 2017 as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2017 were \$712.06 and (\$108.81), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2017 were \$1,500.00 and (\$9,970.00), respectively.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Jacqueline Myers, 552 Hoyt Road, expressed concern about the building of six properties that will substantially take away the soaking up of rainwater. Due to the storm of September 8, 1996, her property was declared a Federal disaster by FEMA as she sustained four feet of water around her property at that time. Her property is below where the new homes will be built and she expressed concern that the rain gardens as well as the stormwater management system will not be sufficient to protect her property.

Michael McClerland, 1234 Oliver Road, commented that his property is adjacent to the property that was just spoken about, and since the last meeting, he found out there were problems with the sewer system and a manhole cannot be located, so they will be digging

up his property, and before any construction takes place, he asked for this to be taken care of so there are no potential flooding problems.

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Nathan Shugerman, 1245 Meinel Road, expressed concern that when there is a low-grade storm the rain gardens may work, but during a heavy rainstorm it may be overwhelmed, and if it doesn't work, who will be responsible to make it work.

Commissioner Luker said all of these comments have been duly noted by Township staff and will be communicated to Commissioner Markman.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for a list of the zoning rewrites; she expressed concern about the "building of Susquehanna Town Center;" the "nominee for Manager not introduced to the public;" and a "few things were discussed in court about the Colonade and then it all went behind closed doors." She also expressed concern about Township's Code Department; about the spraying of pesticides; and asked that solicitors be required to wear badges around their neck.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bowman announced that on Saturday, April 22nd, there will be a Designer Bag Bingo event held at the Roslyn Boys Club building to support the Second Annual Roslyn Fun Day.

Commissioner DiPlacido wished everyone a "Happy Easter," and "when driving through Abington, please, drive like your kids live here."

Commissioner Farren thanked Township staff for their assistance to his residents for the past few weeks and months. He announced that his son, Thomas raced in the 5K and he is proud to say that his son is faster at the age of 10 than he has ever been in his life. He thanked some of his residents who are spearheading a cleanup at Alverthorpe Park on Sunday, April 30th from 10-1 p.m.

Commissioner Gillespie commented that the 5K Run was fantastic to "Keep the Parade Running" of the Greater Glenside Patriotic Association's 4th of July event. She also congratulated the new police officers.

Commissioner Hecker thanked Mr. Matteo for his assistance in organizing a community meeting last weekend with residents of Horace Avenue in regards to a zoning application for an Italian Deli opening on Horace. Also, on Saturday, April 22nd, the Shade Tree Commission will be sponsoring the Township's Annual Arbor Day celebration from 9-12 p.m. He wished everyone a "Happy Easter."

Commissioner Kalinoski welcomed Mr. Manfredi as our new Township Manager and he did not want to “oppose” his appointment, but he is opposed to how it all happened. The 24-Hour Relay is coming up, and if anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Ms. Valerie Ward or Dave Rondinelli in Community Policing. The money that CAPT received tonight was a great honor that will help with many programs, and he thanked Mr. Jay Blumenthal.

Commissioner Zappone commented that in response to what was said about the Code Department; the Code Department handled many violations in his ward and staff has followed up on those violations and kept him posted. He applauded staff of the Code Department for handling those issues as soon as possible.

Also, the Second Alarmers Fund Drive will be getting underway shortly and please open your hearts and wallets and help the Second Alarmers out. They are always there when we need them.

The Third Annual Ardsley Family Committee Designer Bag Bingo will take place on April 21st at the North Penn VFW and doors will open at 6 p.m. On May 13th at the VFW will be our Fourth Annual Oldies Night.

Commissioner Spiegelman congratulated Bob Greaves member of the Vacant Property Review Board who was voted in as the new Chairman of the VPRB. He also congratulated our three new police officers. He wished everyone a “Happy Holiday.”

Commissioner Sanchez reminded everyone that Arbor Day will held on Saturday, April 22nd from 9-12 p.m. and the Tree City USA Flag will be raised formally recognizing Abington Township’s dedication to Arbor Day and its 10th year as a Tree City USA.

Commissioner Rothman announced there will be a Flea Market in Alverthorpe on April 29th beginning at 8 a.m. with a rain date on April 30th. Also, he recommended that everyone check Township website and the EAC’s Facebook page for events going on in your neighborhood.

He invited the community to a special event that some of his residents are involved in, which is in the Inaugural Black Fine Art Show on Saturday, May 6th and May 7th at 11 a.m. at the 315 York Road. He wished everyone a “Happy Easter or Happy Passover.”

Commissioner Myers said it was mentioned tonight about the 'Manager's hours and that the hours are not stated in the contract,' and although the hours may not be mentioned in the contract, certainly the Manager and the Manager prior to this one had a schedule and kept to that schedule and in most cases works much more than the schedule, and at no time is 'anyone coming or going as they please.'

Also, she thanked Helping Hand Foundation on behalf of PAL as this is a significant contribution and Helping Hand has done a wonderful job over the years and she is sure CAPT and PAL will continue that tradition.

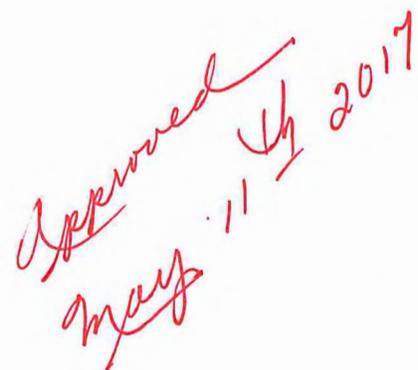
President Luker thanked Helping Hand Foundation for the donation they made to CAPT and PAL as it is very much appreciated. He congratulated the new police officers and his personal congratulations and thanks to Ms. Valerie Ward for her appointment as alternate member to Civil Service Commission. He wished a speedy recovery to Roger Myers, husband of Commissioner Myers. He also thanked his fellow Board members for a good meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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Approved
May 11th 2017