

The stated meeting of the Public Affairs Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Spiegelman presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 8:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners SPIEGELMAN, BOWMAN, SCHREIBER, ROTHMAN, KALINOSKI

Township Manager MANFREDI  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Township Solicitor CLARKE

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, MYERS, HECKER, FARREN, SANCHEZ, DiPLACIDO, ZAPPONE, GILLESPIE

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 Public Affairs Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2141, Amending Chapter 8, “Economic Development Committee,” Section 2, “Membership”

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2141, amending Chapter 8, “Economic Development Committee,” Section 2, “Membership.”

Manager Manfredi noted that previously, the Board instructed Township Solicitor to amend this ordinance and that was done, and there will also be the appointment of former Commissioner Markman to the Economic Development Committee.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels “developers should not be developing, they should be answerable to the people in the community,” and she recommended that, in the future, the “Economic Development Committee should have representation from every ward.”

Commissioner Schreiber referred to Ordinance No .2141, and said she thought in the past it was a nonvoting member position.

Solicitor Clarke replied that is the way the current ordinance reads. The only change was removing the Greater Glenside Chamber of Commerce as it no longer exists and added another at-large seat.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Spiegelman noted that as previously discussed and directed by the Board of Commissioners the following agenda item will be on the Thursday, September 14, 2017 regular public meeting:

Consider motion to appoint Michael Markman to the Township Economic Development Committee to fill the term expiring December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any general comments relating to Public Affairs.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked why is the motion to appoint listed under unfinished business, not being done tonight?

Commissioner Kline replied because committees do not have binding votes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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