

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:30 pm.

Present were:

Adam Selisker
Eileen Silver
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Frank O'Donnell
Barry Moore
Robert Pellegrino
William Wert
Joseph Pizzo
Amanda Fuller

Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Adam Selisker
Eileen Silver
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Frank O'Donnell
Barry Moore

Others present were:

Robert Pellegrino, Township Manager
Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Selisker led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in support of military and emergency services personnel.

FLAG PRESENTATION

Mr. Palestina placed the United States Flag back in the display for Captain Kelsey Glover and has taken out her Air Force Flag to return to her family.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Wheelabrator, Inc. to Northampton Township Library

Chairman Selisker called forward Frank O'Donnell Township Supervisor and Liaison for the Library, Diana Remington, Library Director, and Mr. Michael Dougherty of Wheelabrator. Mr. Dougherty presented a check to the Library on behalf of Wheelabrator in the amount of \$7,000. Ms. Remington stated the money will be used for the funding of various programs at the Library. Ms. Remington thanked Wheelabrator Technologies for supporting the library's mission to support literacy and community. Mr. O'Donnell also thanked Wheelabrator for their generous donation and presented Mr. Dougherty with a framed picture of the Mill Race Inn on behalf of the Township and the Library for their generous support of the Library over the last few years.

Presentation on Master Trail and Bike Facilities Plan

Chairman Selisker called forward the following representatives from the Bucks County Planning Commission: Evan Stone, Executive Director, Paul Gordon, Senior Transportation Manager, and Christian Regosch, Planner.

Mr. Stone stated in 2019 the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors commissioned the Bucks County Planning Commission to develop a plan to serve as a guiding document for the future development of trails and bicycle facilities.

The purpose of the Northampton Township Master Trail and Bicycle Plan is to guide the development of trails and bicycle facilities to support the needs of the community. The intent is to provide a trail and bicycle facilities network for the Township that will improve mobility and quality of life for residents. This plan will serve as a tool to secure grant funding, as well as forge partnerships to move towards the implementation of the plan elements.

Mr. Stone and Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Regosch presented a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the following areas:

- Plan Vision and Goals
- Planning for Trails and Bicycle Facilities
- Northampton Township Planning Process
- Community Profile
- Trails and Bicycle Facilities Network
- Implementation and Cost
- Maintenance and Risk Management
- Trail Concerns
- Recommendations

Chairman Selisker called for public comment, the following persons spoke on the pros and cons of the plan and the implementation of the project.

Ann Vaneerden, 79 Bustleton Pike
Brig Mason, 72 Nelson Drive
Adam Spector, 3405 Stafford Place
Kathleen Ferris, 32 East Holland Road
David Cutler, 1243 Old Jordan Road
David Coleman, 100 E. Holland Road
Susan & Robert Butcavage, 48 Amsterdam Avenue
David Lauer, 49 Cornell Avenue
Ann Mehlmann, 18 Amsterdam Avenue
Joseph Lauch, 10 Cornell Avenue
Elizabeth Kauermann, 15 Amsterdam Avenue
David Patterson, 19 Amsterdam Avenue
Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive
Janice Patterson, 19 Amsterdam Avenue
Bill Leutwyler, 49 Grant Drive
Kim Jabbar, 31 Nelson Drive
Jeffrey Gold, 57 Grant Drive
Keith Sevcik, 72 Bustleton Pike
Ralph Sarne, 50 Jericho Road
Nancy Sauers, 104 Windmill Drive
Kurt Herbheffner, 25 Woodstream Drive
Maureen Goldsmith, 60 Knowles Avenue
Karl Fetzer, 283 N. 2nd Street Pike
Nancy Wolf, 17 Bustleton Pike
Steven Hanna, 104 Brookside Drive
Paul Iverson, 5104 Harpers Crossing, Langhorne, PA (Non-Resident)
Chasidy Zubler, 160 Stratford Drive
Jane Rickenbach, 3208 Stockton Place
Joanne Klempner, 283 Magnolia Drive
Jean Edwards (Sundance Kennels), 32 E. Holland Road
Robert Mraz, 1218 Old Jordan Road

Jim Phillips, 32 Windmill Drive
Paul Edwards, 32 E. Holland Road

Chairman Selisker closed public comment at 10:18 pm.

Chairman Selisker called for Board Comments.

Discussion ensued with the Board thanking the residents for their input and stated they look forward to furthering discussion at the informal information session to be held at the Library on February 18, 2020, from 7 pm until 9 pm in the Community Room of the Library.

Chairman Selisker reminded residents to come out on the 18th to have their questions and concerns answered. The vote on this project will take place at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on February 26, 2020. Sign up for news alerts to keep yourself informed.

Chairman Selisker called for a recess at 10:25 pm and reconvened at 10:35 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board meeting minutes of December 18, 2019, were approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable for January 8, 2020, in the amount of 1,311,652.24 and January 22, 2020, in the amount of \$5,235,514.22 were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider Ordinance Amending the Northampton Township Library Code

Chairman Selisker opened the hearing at 10:35 pm.

Mr. O'Donnell explained the original Ordinance No. 109 adopted on February 27, 1969 requires updating to reference current enabling legislation from the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Most of the suggested amendments include clarifying language defining the different roles of the Township, the Library Board of Directors and the Friends of the Northampton Library. The draft ordinance was duly advertised in the Bucks County Courier Times on January 7, 2020.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Rose) to adopt ordinance number 605 that re-establishes, as amended, a free, public, non-sectarian library for the use and benefit of the residents of Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Chairman Selisker called for Board and public comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Resolution Amending the Northampton Township Library By-Laws

Mr. O'Donnell stated the Administration, working with the Bucks County Free Library District Consultant, Chris Snyder, and the Northampton Township Board of Library Directors, has prepared amended Bylaws for the Library Board of Directors for the Board's review and consideration.

The last revisions to the Bylaws occurred on June 27, 2013. The proposed edits are consistent with changes to the new ordinance recently considered. Changes include eliminating term limits for Library Directors, clarifying language reflective in The Pennsylvania Library Code of 2012, and defining roles of the Board of Directors and the Township.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Silver) to adopt Resolution R-20-4 approving bylaws for the Northampton Township Library Board of Directors effective February 1, 2020.

Chairman Selisker called for Board and public comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Chairman Selisker closed the hearing at 10:37 pm.

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Consider Ordinance to Add Alternate Members to the Township Planning Commission

Mr. Moore stated Section 203(e) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code permits the appointment of up to three (3) alternate members to the Township's Planning Commission. They serve for a term of four (4) years. As a result, the proposed ordinance amends the Township Code to permit their appointment.

Overall, alternate members will ensure that there is a quorum in the event that someone is unable to make a meeting. It also ensures that there is a full commission to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-O'Donnell) to approve Ordinance #606 amending the Northampton Township Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 1 - Administration and Government, Part 2 - Boards, Commissions, and Councils - Planning Commission, for the purpose of amending membership requirements to permit the appointment of alternate members.

Chairman Selisker called for Board and public comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Chairman Selisker closed the hearing at 10:40 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Bids for New Irrigation System at Northampton Valley Country Club

Chairman Selisker noted bids were opened on January 14 for the installation of a new irrigation system at the Country Club. The Township received 5 bids for the project that includes new irrigation lines and sprinkler heads, removal of the old system, and a new pump station that will draw water from an existing pond on the property.

The five bids received are as follows:

National Lawn Sprinkler, Inc.	\$1,544,400
Environmental Designs dba Winterberry Group	\$1,679,995
Landscapes Unlimited	\$1,698,000
George Ley/ Eastern Irrigation	\$1,699,000
Commercial Irrigation and Turf	\$1,710,000

Our design consultant, Hydro Designs, Inc. is familiar with these bidders and recommends a bid award to National Lawn Sprinklers, Inc. of White Plains, NY in the amount of \$1,544,400. Hydro Designs, Inc. reviewed all bid submissions and confirm that the low bidder's proposal complies in all respects with our bid specifications. If a contract is awarded, the contractor will be starting work immediately as we hope to complete the installation by May 15 to minimize disruption to the golf course as our busy season begins.

As part of this project and to reduce the overall contract price, our Public Works Department will be installing a concrete pad for the pump house building that will be purchased separately. We anticipate purchasing a pre-manufactured building at a cost of about \$10,000 to house the pumps and control system that will be installed as part of the irrigation system contract.

A motion was made and seconded (Selisker-Silver) to award a contract to National Sprinklers, Inc., White Plains, NY in the bid amount of \$1,544,400 and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents related to the irrigation system replacement project at Northampton Valley Country Club.

Chairman Selisker explained this project was budgeted under the Capital Budget Fund and a Bond Issue.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0

Consider Appointment to the Library Board

Mr. O'Donnell noted there is one (1) vacancy on the Library Board. Under the new bylaws adopted earlier on tonight's agenda, members can now serve unlimited terms. As a result, Member Chip Heim would like to be reappointed to a third term.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Silver to appoint Chip Heim to the Library Board to fill a term, effective immediately, and expiring on December 31, 2022.

Chairman Selisker called for Board and public Comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Appointments to the Township Planning Commission

Mr. Moore stated there are two (2) vacancies for alternates on the Planning Commission as established under Ordinance #606 approved earlier tonight under public hearings.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-O'Donnell) to appoint Janet Kifolo to the Planning Commission as an Alternate to fill a term, effective immediately, and expiring on December 31, 2023.

Motion Passed 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Silver) to appoint Michael Bidwell to the Planning Commission as an Alternate to fill a term, effective immediately, and expiring on December 31, 2023.

Motion Passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Parks and Recreation Department is in need of camp counselors and lifeguards for the 2020 summer programs. Contact the Recreation Department or visit the Parks and Recreation website for more information.

- The Library has received a community health grant and will be working in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Senior Center to create programs.

Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Moore, and Chairman Selisker waived their reports due to the lateness of the hour.

Mrs. Silver reminded everyone to check websites for information on upcoming meetings, The Township, Township facilities, and the School District all have websites that provide up to date information for what is happening in your Township.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Pizzo stated the Board met in executive session for 40 minutes tonight, January 22, 2020, In attendance were the Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, Assistant Manager, Amanda Fuller, and myself the Township Solicitor. The matter of discussion was a matter of pending litigation. No official action was taken during the executive session and none was required at tonight's meeting as a result of the executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, questioned the type of fencing used in the Upper Southampton process and questioned if fencing will be done on a case by case basis.

Jeff Gold, 57 Grant Drive, repeated his concerns over the Rail Trail and recited percentages of patrons that would use the trail at night. Also, raised concern over proposed bike trails on East Holland Road and noted how unsafe the plan is for that road.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary