

Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of April 2, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The meeting was called to order by GSC Chairman James Gray at 7:10 PM on April 2, 2015, at the Concord Township Municipal Building. GSC members who were present: James Gray, Rosemary Fiumara, Diane Bohr, Joshua Twersky, Matthew Houtmann, and Robert Tribit. GSC Member who was not present: Andrew Briner. Also present: GSC Solicitor Michael Maddren. Following roll call, the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

III. OLD BUSINESS.

Motion by R. Fiumara to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2015 meeting; seconded by R. Tribit. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

- For more than two hours, each of the GSC members presented in-depth comparisons of the First Class and Second Class Township Codes, Article by Article. Members asked and answered questions and made comments regarding the similarities and differences in the two codes.

- Agenda Development.

Gerald Cross, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Economic League, will make a presentation at the April 16, 2015, GSC meeting to discuss Optional Plans and Home Rule Charter forms of government.

- Public Outreach Update.

GSC Members R. Tribit, J. Twersky and R. Fiumara made a 2-hour presentation to 31 residents of Fox Hill Farm on March 26, 2015. Among the residents' concerns is the financial impact a new form of government might have, a request for budget comparisons between the old and new, and making an email address available for residents to send comments and questions to the GSC.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

R. Miley, 22 Leopard Run, commented on 1) the apparent tightening by the Township of provisions in the Second Class Code regarding the lowest qualified bidder, and 2) that there was an ordinance two years ago regarding shade trees, which made property owners responsible for their removal and maintenance.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS.

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None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, R. Tribit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM, seconded by J. Twersky. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane S. Bohr, Secretary
Concord Township Government Study Commission

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.