

Concord Township  
Government Study Commission (GSC)  
Minutes of Meeting of April 16, 2015

**I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

The meeting was called to order by GSC Chairman James Gray at 7:02 PM on April 16, 2015, at the Concord Township Municipal Building. GSC members who were present: James Gray, Rosemary Fiumara, Diane Bohr, Joshua Twersky, Matthew Houtmann, Robert Tribit and 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. Tribit to approve the Minutes of April 2, 2015 meeting; seconded by R. Fiumara. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS.**

- Gerald E. Cross, Executive Director, and Harry J. Miller, Senior Research Associate, of the Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL) provided an interesting, informative, and educational program comparing and contrasting Home Rule and Optional Plans of Government for PA Second Class Townships. A copy of their PowerPoint presentation/handout is attached to these Minutes.

- **Agenda Development/Public Outreach Update.** There was a discussion regarding the selection of a date for the first Public Hearing of the GSC, and the need to advertise the details of that hearing in local newspapers and on the Township website. The date of Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 7:00 PM was agreed upon by all GSC members, and the availability of the Township meeting room will be confirmed with Township Manager Brenda Lamanna. Solicitor Mike Maddren will prepare the Public Notice; and a Press Release will be prepared for publication in the *Daily Times*, *Garnet Valley Press*, *Chaddsfordlive.com*, and the Concord Township website.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

R. Miley, 22 Leopard Run, asked what the Pennsylvania Economy League is. Mr. Cross replied: *From 1936 to today, the PEL has a long tradition of providing critical analysis, perspective and support for action that will make Pennsylvania a better place to live, work and do business. We strive to strengthen the health of local governments so that they can provide the vital services we depend on to run our businesses, educate our children and conduct our lives. The Pennsylvania Economy League is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization; it is not an agency of the Commonwealth.*

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS.**

GSC Treasurer Joshua Twersky presented a bill for legal services dated April 15, 2015, from Solicitor Michael Maddren in the amount of \$1,005.00. M. Houtmann made a motion to approve payment of the bill; seconded by D. Bohr. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to discuss, R. Tribit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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, May 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.