

Minutes of June 4, 2015;

Approved:

Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of June 4, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order by GSC Chairman James Gray at 7:05 PM on June 4, 2015, at the Concord Township Municipal Building. GSC members who were present: James Gray, Diane Bohr, Joshua Twersky, Matthew Houtmann, Robert Tribit and Andrew Briner. Also present: GSC Solicitor Michael Maddren. Not present: Vice Chairman Rosemary Fiumara. 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 May 21, 2015 meeting; seconded by A. Briner. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

- The Commission Members reviewed line-by-line the draft of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Home Rule Charter Consultant prepared by GSC Solicitor Maddren.

- A pre-proposal meeting to discuss the project scope of work will be held on June 24, 2015; July 8, 2015, will be the deadline for submission of proposals; interviews of proposers will be conducted during the week of July 20, 2015.

- J. Twersky made a motion that the GSC accept the RFP, with the changes made on June 4, 2015, and moved that it be issued as necessary by Solicitor Maddren; seconded by A. Briner. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion. A copy of the RFP, with changes made on June 4, 2015, will be emailed to all GSC members by the Solicitor.

- Whether the July 2, 2015, GSC public meeting will be held, as previously scheduled, will be determined after the June 24 meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

- GSC Calendar of Meetings: The meeting of June 18, 2015 will be rescheduled for June 24, 2015, and the change of dates will be posted on the Township website.

- R. Tribit made a motion that the Concord Township Government Study Commission remove from further consideration the three alternate forms of government known as “Executive (Mayor) - Council Plans A, B and C”); motion seconded by M. Houtmann. Mr. Tribit then explained the rationale for his motion as follows: *After reviewing the various forms of government, the three (Executive [Mayor] - Council Plans A, B and C) are very different in form compared to the current Township of the Second Class. In addition, while not an option for this Commission under the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plan Law, these three are very different from the Township of the First Class form of government. By voting to remove these three forms from further consideration, the Commission can concentrate on the remaining options under the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plan Law, which are: 1) Stay a*

Township of the Second Class; 2) Choose the Council-Manager Plan [the remaining applicable Optional Plan]; or, 3) Choose to develop a Home Rule Charter. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

V. OTHER BUSINESS.

- **Treasurer's Report:** GSC Treasurer Joshua Twersky submitted a bill for legal services dated May 31, 2015, from Michael Maddren, Esquire, in the amount of \$2,550.00. J. Twersky made a motion to approve payment of the bill; seconded by M. Houtmann. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT.

- R. Miley, 22 Leopard Run, expressed the concern that consultant fees could also include travel expenses, which would be considerable.
- J. Wellington, 20 Brandywine Street, Chadds Ford, expressed his opinion regarding the calculation of costs involved with hiring a consultant.
- Vance Dowling, 33 Locust Farm Drive, Thornton, asked what the remaining options are that the GSC will be considering for its recommendation, and was advised: (1) Stay a Township of the Second Class, with no changes; (2) Choose a Council/Manager Plan (optional plan); or (3) Choose to develop a Home Rule Charter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Twersky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM, seconded by J. Gray. 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: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.