

Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of July 8, 2015
(Rescheduled Meeting scheduled for June 24, 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 July 8, 2015, at the Concord Township Municipal Building. GSC members who were present: James Gray, Rosemary Fiumara, Diane Bohr, Joshua Twersky, and Robert Tribit. Also present: GSC Solicitor Michael Maddren. Not present: Andrew Briner and Matthew Houtmann. 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 June 4, 2015 meeting; seconded by R. Tribit. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

- Following the formal advertisement by Solicitor Mike Maddren of the "Request for Proposal (RFP)", a pre-proposal meeting to discuss the scope of work involved with writing a Home Rule Charter was attended by: (1) Daniel P. Olpere, President of Local Government Management Services, LLC, [North Wales, PA]; and (2) Joseph L. Boyle of the Pennsylvania Economy League [Wilkes-Barre, PA] and Paul G. Janssen, Director of the Center for Excellence in Local Government at Albright College [Reading, PA].

R. Tribit made a motion to amend the RFP to allow for alternate proposals; seconded by R. Fiumara. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion. Solicitor Maddren will draft an Addendum to the RFP and provide for its distribution.

Chairman Gray reiterated that proposals must be submitted by Monday, July 13, 2015, at 3:00 PM.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

- P. Scott, 48 Willits Way, had questions and comments about the Commission's work thus far, and expressed her personal opinions regarding the government of Concord Township.

- J. Wellington, 20 Brandywine Street, Chadds Ford, asked: 1) whether GSC meetings could be posted on the Township calendar in addition to the GSC tab, and 2) if a ward-based system is recommended by the commission, who would draw the boundary lines for each ward? Solicitor Maddren responded that the initial task of drawing wards would be the responsibility of the GSC; if a ward-based system is decided on, the Home Rule Charter law allows the GSC to create the map, which must be approved by the Department of State.

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- D. Foster, 141 Andrien Road, asked if there was a timeframe for certain decisions of the GSC, and was advised that RFP proposals must be submitted by July 13; that, upon receipt, it/they will be distributed to GSC members; and that a meeting is scheduled for July 16. The decision as to how the GSC will proceed must be made by August 4, 2015.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS.

- **Treasurer's Report:** GSC Treasurer Joshua Twersky submitted a bill for legal services dated July 8, 2015, from Maddren Law Office, LLC, in the amount of \$1,290.00. D. Bohr made a motion to approve payment of the bill; seconded by R. Fiumara. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Twersky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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: Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.