

**Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of October 1, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order by GSC Chairman James Gray at 4:30 PM on October 1, 2015, at the Concord Township Municipal Building. GSC members who were present: James Gray, Rosemary Fiumara, Joshua Twersky, Diane Bohr, and Andrew Briner. Matthew Houtmann was present, but informed the Chairman that he could not stay for the meeting because of a weather-related emergency. Not present: Robert Tribit. (It should be noted that Mr. Tribit and Mr. Houtmann provided written responses to the worksheets distributed by PEL which were being discussed at the 10/1/15 meeting.) 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.

Approval of Minutes: J. Twersky made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting; motion seconded by A. Briner. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously (5-to-0) to approve the motion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

- Home Rule Charter Drafting Workshop Discussion

Gerry Cross, Joseph Boyle, and Lynne Shedlock of PA Economy League (PEL) as well as Paul Janssen of Albright College attended the 10/1/15 meeting. For two hours, the GSC members and PEL discussed “Basic Questions for Consideration of the Concord Township Government Study Commission Relative to (1) Budget and Finance and (2) the Position of Manager under a Home Rule Charter” - 26 questions in all. As before, the responses will be inserted and made a part of the first Articles of the “shell” Home Rule Charter being prepared by PEL, and copies will be presented to the GSC prior to the next meeting. Once reviewed, discussed, and approved, the GSC will then proceed to the next set of Questions/HRC Articles.

Mr. Janssen also distributed two pages from the “ICMA (International City/County Management Association) Code of Ethics” - which included the 12 Tenets that govern the conduct of every member of ICMA - for review by the GSC with regard to the position of Township Manager. The full version of the ICMA Code (with Guidelines) is available at www.icm.org. Mr. Janssen advised that most Managers become ICMA members, and are required to take continuing profession-related courses.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, R. Fiumara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM, seconded by J. Twersky A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane S. Bohr, Secretary
Concord Township Government Study Commission