

**Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of October 15, 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 15, 2015, at the Concord Township Municipal Building. GSC members who were present: James Gray, Rosemary Fiumara, Joshua Twersky, Diane Bohr, Andrew Briner, Matthew Houtmann and Robert Tribit. 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 October 1, 2015 meeting; motion seconded by R. Fiumara. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted 5-to-0 to approve the motion. (M. Houtmann and R. Tribit abstained).

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

1) Home Rule Charter Drafting Workshop Discussion

Joseph Boyle, Lynne Shedlock, and Gerald Cross of PA Economy League (PEL) attended the 10/15/15 meeting. For two hours, the GSC members and PEL discussed “Specific Questions for Consideration of the Concord Township Government Study Commission Relative to ‘Other Provisions’ Under a Home Rule Charter”. (All worksheets delivered to GSC members by PEL will be posted on the GSC website.) In addition, the GSC reviewed the first drafts of Articles I and II of the HRC prepared by PEL.

2) M. Houtmann made a motion that the GSC schedule an additional public meeting for Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 4:30 PM; motion seconded by J. Twersky. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the motion. D. Bohr will ask the Township Manager to arrange for the formal Public Notice in the Daily Times and on the Township website.

3) Treasurer J. Twersky made a motion to reimburse GSC member R. Tribit in the amount of \$34.53 for the purchase of business cards (\$9.53) and a Wawa gift card (\$25) for the Concord Township Senior Expo; motion seconded by J. Gray. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the motion.

4) Concord Township Senior Expo Update. R. Tribit, D. Bohr and J. Twersky attended the Expo and distributed the GSC Interim Report, answered questions and listened to comments from Township residents, handed out the cards with the GSC website address and email addresses of all members, and encouraged residents to read the Interim Report, to attend the public meetings, and to send their questions and/or comments to the GSC. There appears to be a great deal of confusion, misunderstanding (and misinformation) about the GSC, as well as how the current government is structured and operating. It

might be prudent to start the “educational” process with the current Supervisors, and to ask for assistance in getting the information out to Township residents via mailings or community meetings, etc.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, R. Fiumara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM, seconded by J. Twersky. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane S. Bohr, Secretary
Concord Township Government Study Commission

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 4:30 PM