

Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of January 7, 2016

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 January 7, 2016, at the Concord Township Municipal Building. The following GSC members were present: James Gray, Rosemary Fiumara, Joshua Twersky, Andrew Briner, Matthew Houtmann and Robert Tribit. Also present: GSC Solicitor Michael Maddren. Not present: Diane Bohr, who notified the Chair that she would not be present because of family obligations. Following roll call, the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

III. OLD BUSINESS.

Approval of the Minutes: J. Twersky made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting; motion seconded by R. Tribit. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted (6-0) to approve the motion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

Home Rule Charter Drafting Workshop Discussion

The GSC members and Solicitor Maddren continued their intensive and extensive review, revision, and fine-tuning of the provisions of the proposed Home Rule Charter.

A public hearing to introduce the proposed Charter to the residents of Concord Township and to seek public comments and feedback will be scheduled and advertised for Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 7:00 PM, at the Concord Township Municipal Building.

R. Tribit described the meeting he and J. Twersky attended at the invitation of Fox Hill Farm Democrats. Primary concerns expressed were the potential increase in real estate taxes and minority representation of the Township governing body.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Jude Ryan, Fox Hill Farm, asked questions and offered his personal comments and suggestions on certain sections of the proposed Charter.

Rufus Miley, 22 Leopard Run, made interesting and informative observations regarding the bonding and audit sections of the proposed Charter.

Dominic Cappelli, 25 Colonial Drive, provided valuable suggestions, information, and advice based on his many years of service and experience as a Concord Township Supervisor.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS.

Treasurer J. Twersky presented a bill in the amount of \$18.17 for the renewal of the GSC domain name. J. Gray made a motion, seconded by R. Fiumara, that J. Twersky be reimbursed for this expense. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted (6-0) to approve the motion.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, M. Houtmann made a motion at 6:55 PM to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by R. Fiumara. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted (6-0) to approve the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane S. Bohr, Secretary
Concord Township Government Study Commission

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 4:30 PM