

Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of December 17, 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 December 17, 2015, at the Concord Township Municipal Building. The following GSC members 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 the Minutes: R. Fiumara made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2015, meeting; motion seconded by R. Tribit. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted (7-0) to approve the motion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

Home Rule Charter Drafting Workshop Discussion

The GSC members and Solicitor Maddren met for four and one-half hours and continued their intensive review, consideration, and discussion of the provisions of the proposed Home Rule Charter.

2016 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Gray suggested a proposed schedule of GSC public meetings in 2016 on January 7, January 14, January 21, January 28, February 4, February 11, February 18, and February 25. A Public Notice to that effect will be placed in the Daily Times, and will also appear on the Township website. A Public Hearing may be held on one of these dates, and that will require an additional advertisement.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS.

R. Tribit detailed his extensive research with regard to minority representation on the boards of Home Rule Charter governments: Middletown, Upper Providence, Radnor, Haverford and Upper Darby Townships, and reported that not a single one contained language or addressed the subject in their HR Charter, and noted that County Boards of Election do have minority political party membership.

R. Tribit advised that a GSC presentation at a Maris Grove Resident Meeting has been scheduled for April 7 at 7:30 PM. The date for a presentation at Fox Hill Farm has not yet been decided.

Treasurer’s Report: GSC Treasurer J. Twersky submitted a bill from Maddren Law Office dated December 7, 2015, in the amount of \$7,725.00; M. Houtmann made a motion to approve the payment of this bill; seconded by R. Fiumara. A voice vote was called for, and Commission Members voted (7-0) to approve the motion.

Chairman J. Gray advised that the PA Economy League (PEL) consultants have asked to see the Home Rule Charter and Final Report, when completed. The final bill for services rendered by PEL has not yet been received.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, R. Fiumara made a motion at 8:55 PM to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by J. Twersky. A voice vote was called for and Commission Members voted (7-0) to approve the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane S. Bohr, Secretary
Concord Township Government Study

Commission

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 4:30 PM