

**Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of January 21, 2016**

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

The meeting was called to order by GSC Chairman James Gray on January 21, 2016, at 4:35 PM 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.

R. Miley, 22 Leopard Run, pointed out that the “public notice” in the *Garnet Valley Press* did not include any mention of Concord Township or the location of the Public Hearing scheduled for January 28, 2016. D. Bohr will contact the Township Manager to request that an ad containing all the necessary information be placed in the Delaware County *Daily Times* on January 24, 2016.

III. OLD BUSINESS.

Approval of the Minutes: M. Houtmann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting; motion seconded by J. Twersky. 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 continued their fine-tuning of various provisions of the proposed Home Rule Charter.

Public Hearing Presentation Workshop

The GSC members discussed the mechanics of the public hearing on January 28. After an opening statement by Solicitor Maddren as to the purpose of the hearing, etc., there will be a PowerPoint presentation, followed by comments and questions if any) from Township residents.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Jude Ryan, Fox Hill Farm; Rufus Miley, 22 Leopard Run; and Dominic Cappelli, 25 Colonial Drive, offered their congratulations, thanked the GSC for their many hours of service, and expressed appreciation for the diligent efforts of the members.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS.

1) Treasurer J. Twersky presented a bill in the amount of \$12,500.00 from the Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL) for services rendered from 9/1/2015 to 12/31/2015. D. Bohr made a

motion to approve the payment of PEL's bill in the amount of \$12,500.00; motion seconded by R. Fiumara. A voice vote was called for and Commission members voted (7-0) to approve the motion.

2) A draft of the proposed Charter will be posted on the Concord Township website and copies emailed to the Township Supervisors, Township Manager and Township Solicitor prior to the January 28, 2016 public hearing. The Township Manager will also be asked to send an email to all Township residents who have signed up for the public notification system to 1) remind them of the public hearing date, time and place, 2) alert them to the online availability of the proposed Charter, and 3) advise that paper copies of the Charter will be available at the public hearing.

3) R. Tribit confirmed that the GSC presentation at Fox Hill Farm has tentatively been confirmed for April 6, 2016, at 7:00 PM. R. Tribit asked for volunteers among the GSC members to accompany him to gatherings at Maris Grove and Fox Hill Farm. It was agreed that J. Twersky's PowerPoint presentation would be used at both.

4) The GSC members discussed where and to whom presentations might be made after the public hearing: Clubs, churches, the Township Supervisors, the Township Manager, the Rotary, Lions Club, perhaps an open house at Rachel Kohl Library, the Republican and Democratic party leaders, etc. Such meetings could be advertised (without cost) on the Township website, on the Library website and marquee, or Facebook and other social media.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Twersky made a motion at 6:45 PM to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by R. Tribit. 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

Public Hearing - Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 7:00 PM

Public Meeting - Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 4:30 PM