Concord Township
Government Study Commission (GSC)
Minutes of Meeting of February 8, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order by GSC Chairman James Gray on February 8, 2016, at 5:00 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.

None.

III. OLD BUSINESS.

Approval of the Minutes: R. Fiumara made a motion to approve the GSC Minutes of the February 4, 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.

Review of Draft of Final Report

The GSC members and Solicitor M. Maddren continued their intensive review of the Final Report which will accompany the Home Rule Charter, offering suggestions for additional revisions and clarification. Mr. Maddren agreed to incorporate those additional changes, so that a vote by all GSC members to approve the Final Report might take place at the next scheduled meeting on February 11, 2016.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Bob Kuhn, 1606 E. Fox Brushs Way, expressed concern that the Final Report and Home Rule Charter were too long and too detailed for most people to read. He suggested that the GSC consider preparing a summary or a Q&A at the beginning of the Report, for those who don't want to read the whole Report and Charter.

Mary Ann Chew, 79 Concord Meeting Road, expressed concern about getting the word out to the community about the Home Rule Charter. She suggested that, in addition to the library, perhaps one of the Township schools could be a meeting place, since the Library has limited space/seating. The GSC members agreed that, if the number of attendees at the Library was greater than anticipated, an alternate space would certainly be considered.

VI.   OTHER BUSINESS.

Treasurer J. Twersky presented a bill from Maddren Law Office for legal services rendered through 1/31/16.   M. Houtmann made a motion to approve the payment of the bill in the

amount of $8,490.00; motion seconded by J. Gray. A voice vote was called for and Commission members voted (7-0) to approve the motion.

There was a detailed explanation by Mr. Maddren about the mechanics, legal requirements and protocol of presenting the Final Report and Home Rule Charter to the Township Manager, and thereafter to officials at the Delaware County Courthouse in order to have the question regarding the adoption of the Home Rule Charter placed on the ballot of the General Primary Election on April 26, 2016.

Once the GSC members have voted on the Final Report that accompanies the Home Rule Charter, a copy will be posted on the Concord Township website. D. Bohr will request that an email notice be sent to all residents who have signed up for the Township Notification System to advise that the Charter is available online. In due course, a copy of the Final Report and Charter will be mailed to all residents of Concord Township.

The GSC members discussed a schedule for holding public forums to inform the citizens of Concord Township about the Home Rule Charter. R. Tribit confirmed the following dates have been reserved at the Rachel Kohl Library: April 4 and April 13 at 10 AM; and April 14 and April 18 at 7:00 PM. A forum will also be held at Fox Hill Farm on April 6, and at Maris Grove on April 7 - but these will be for residents only of each of those private communities.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.
There being no further business to discuss, M. Houtmann made a motion at 6:07 PM to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by J. Gray. 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, February 11, 2016, at 4:30 PM