

The stated meeting of the Public Affairs Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Spiegelman, Chairman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners SPIEGELMAN, BOWMAN, SCHREIBER, DiPLACIDO, MYERS

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Director of Parks & Recreation OLES
Community Director STROTHER

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, ROTHMAN, ZAPPONE, BRODSKY, SANCHEZ, GILLESPIE, THOMPSON, VAHEY, CARSWELL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 Public Affairs Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PRESENTATION:

Facilities Analysis and Feasibility Study: Penbryn and Crestmont Pools:

Mr. Andy Oles, Director of Parks and Recreation said the purpose of the presentation is to discuss the condition of the pools and estimated costs to make improvements.

Carl Keleman of KMS Design Group, LLC, gave a power point presentation on the facilities analysis and feasibility study of Penbryn and Crestmont Pools in which copies of the study report that included fee structure as well as the power point presentation was provided to the Board.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Bowman commented that he is in favor of upgrading the pools as the Board has expressed interest in improvements to our parks and recreation facilities and this would be a good place to start.

Commissioner Gillespie commented that the pools are great for families and their children and upgrades need to be done.

Commissioner Thompson said he fully supports replacing the pools as he has received many complaints from residents about the condition of the pools and it is time. Does the Township pay for water supply?

Mr. Oles replied it is public water.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for the life expectancy of a completely brand new modern pool facility built today.

Mr. Keleman replied 40-50 years.

Commissioner Myers said that we can all agree that we have been putting band-aids on both pools for a very long time. Also, there was no indication in the report to demolish both pools and build one state-of-the-art facility. Is that correct?

Mr. Oles replied that was discussed; however, there is a lot of attachment by residents to each of the pools. Also, it would be difficult due to geography.

Manager Manfredi said this study of upgrading parks and recreation facilities will go out for RFP and then the Board may wish to consider what should be done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PA-01-101118:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to appoint Carl Anderson to the five-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2021 on the Township Shade Tree Commission.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PA-02-101118:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to approve the application for 2019 Tree Vitalize grant in the amount of \$6,000.00. This grant would require a 25% match from Township that will be in-kind services.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PA-04-101118:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to advertise for request for proposals from experienced and qualified planning consultants in the design, planning and implementation of the Township's CDBG and HOME programs. The services shall be performed for the next three (3) years, assuming Federal funds are appropriated and allocated for FY 2018 through FY 2020.

Commissioner Spiegelman called on Community Director Mr. Van Strother.

Mr. Strother said this is the end of the contract period with current consultant and we are getting ready to begin our five-year consolidated plan, so it would be prudent for the Township to re-advertise and solicit proposals from experienced and qualified consultants who are familiar with CDBG program in addition to the HOME program.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Vahey clarified that these are services currently being provided by an outside consultant and funded by CDBG funds. Is that correct?

Mr. Strother replied that is correct. Services are provided by an outside consultant funded by CDBG funds.

Commissioner Myers questioned whether Mr. Strother will be administering the process of finding another consultant?

Mr. Strother replied it will go out for RFP and there will be a selection team to review it and then he will report back to the Board of the findings by selection team.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PA-06-101118:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to approve and authorize payment to Hill International, Inc. in the amount of \$29,700.00 for the services provided by MyLCM, Inc. for work performed from July 1, 2016 to September 31, 2017 and to eComply, LLC in the amount of \$6,000.00 for work performed from October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 for prevailing wage project compliance.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Manager Manfredi said this is a new item from what was presented last month that includes revised figures.

Mr. Strother added that a revised invoice was submitted to include unbilled hours and that is why the figures have increased.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PA-07-101118:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded Commissioner Schreiber to approve the transfer of \$8,282.00 from Account No. 07-01-500-7526 and \$1,088.00 from Account No. 07-01-500-7505 to Account No. 07-01-500-7530 for the Township of Abington's 2019 calendar and to approve the selection of the Homer Group at an amount of \$18,820.00 for the printing of 22,000 calendars and Red Sky Marketing Group in the amount of \$2,250.79 for the sorting and mailing of the calendars to residents' homes.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Schreiber said the next calendar published will be a full one-year calendar.

Commissioner Myers commented that going to a full calendar year is a great idea.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any general comments relating to Public Affairs.

Commissioner Zappone questioned why the agenda item of the Ardsley wheelchair lift was stricken.

Manager Manfredi replied it was moved to next month's agenda because further information was needed.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, requested that a forum be put together to discuss residents' concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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