



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

*John Spiegelman, Chair
Tom Bowman, Vice-Chair
Lori Schreiber
Jimmy DiPlacido
Peggy Myers*

A G E N D A **March 6, 2019** **7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Motion to approve Committee Meeting minutes of February 6, 2019
4. **PRESENTATION**
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **PA-01-031419** Consider a motion to award the planning and community development consulting services to Urban Design Ventures, LLC. for a three-(3) year period. The consultant will aid and assist the Township with the design, planning and implementation of the Township's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs.
 - b. **PA-02-031419** Consider a motion to request approval to submit a Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) that is due on April 10, 2019.
 - c. **PA-03-031419** Consider a motion to Ratify Keystone Communities (KC) Program Grant for the Abington Township Veteran's War Memorial Island application in the amount of \$17,000.00
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The stated meeting of the Public Affairs Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Spiegelman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:53 p.m.

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

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PRESENTATION:

Human Relations Commission:

Ms. Joanne E. Kleiner, Esquire, Chairperson of the HRC, introduced members of the HRC who were present.

Mr. John Carne gave a presentation about the HRC that was established in 2012 by adoption of Ordinance No. 2029 by the Board of Commissioners. It is comprised of seven volunteer Abington residents appointed by the Board. Members of the HRC are nonpartisan and provide services free-of-charge in assisting those who feel they are being discriminated against related to employment, public accommodation, commercial property or housing. State law protection extends for actual or perceived membership in protected classes from race to disability, and in Abington, there are a few more protected classes pertaining to sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

HRC educates the community to understand that despite our differences we are all entitled to dignity and respect; help diffuse tensions by facilitating open dialog motivated by mutual respect and the desire to come to a mutually satisfying result and motivate and mediate disputes where necessary.

Activities 2017-2018; Department of Justice Training pertaining to community dialog; developed a program for the Abington YMCA; conducted a program at the Keswick Theater for their staff; in the process of helping Upper Dublin officials create their own HRC; participate in Abington Night Out event and continue participating in the State's HRC.

We worked with the Abington Township Police Department providing training for implicit bias and it was so well received that we were invited back during roll call to remind officers that if they see anything on the streets that the HRC can be of assistance.

In the spring of 2017, three new members were added, and in fall of 2018, one member retired and then was replaced with a new member.

Upcoming projects; update materials; development of community ambassador program; presentation to students of Abington Friends; social media presence; potential co-sponsorship opportunities and community dialogs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – general matters relating to Public Affairs.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for a “page” of each project.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM

February 22, 2019

DATE

Community Development

DEPARTMENT

PA-01-031419

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes



No



PUBLIC BID REQUIRED

Cost > \$20,100

Yes



No



AGENDA ITEM:

Consulting Services for the Community Development Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Request For Proposals (RFP) was publicly advertised in the Times Chronicle and the Public Spirit newspapers on Sunday, October 21, 2018. The Township received eight-(8) written requests for the RFP package during the first week of the public advertisement. The proposal due date was stated as Thursday, November 29, 2018. On this date, the Township received one-(1) sealed proposal to the publicly advertised RFP.

Note:

The Township of Abington is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) CDBG program. As a recipient of these federal funds, there are several required reports and documents to be submitted to HUD on an annual basis.

Next year, the Township will be required to update its Five Year Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments. The current Consolidated Plan will expire on September 30, 2020. The Consolidated Plan takes about 4-6 months to complete.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS:

On Thursday, October 11, 2018, the Abington Township Board of Commissioners authorized the public advertisement to solicit proposals from experienced and qualified planning consultants in the design, planning and implementation of the Township's CDBG and HOME programs for a three-(3) year period. (See board action from October 2018)

On Thursday, July 12, 2018, the Abington Township Board of Commissioners approved the FY 2018 CDBG budget, which funds various activities, which includes the consultant services. (See board action from July 2018)

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Consider a motion to award the planning and community development consulting services to Urban Design Ventures, LLC. for a three-(3) year period. The consultant will aid and assist the Township with the design, planning and implementation of the Township's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs.



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

Richard J. Manfredi
Township Manager

FISCAL NOTE

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: PA-01-031419

DATE INTRODUCED: February 14, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT AMOUNT: None

FUND: 18-38-944-9460

FISCAL IMPACT:



YES



NO

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes



No



SUMMARY

The total cost of the three year contract will not exceed \$74,000.00. All costs associated with this proposal will be entirely paid with the Township's CDBG funds. FY18 will cost \$6,000.00 for the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report. Subject to HUD funding, FY19 will cost \$22,500.00 for the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan; The Analysis of Impediments will cost \$17,000.00, totaling \$39,500.00. Subject to HUD funding, FY20 will cost \$4,500.00 to complete the Annual Action Plan, \$6,000.00 to complete the CAPER and \$6,000.00 to complete the Environmental Review Record.

ANALYSIS

See attached Analysis Summary Spreadsheet dated March 2019

Township of Abington

Community Development Block Grant Program

Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 2019

Three Year Contract Term (FY18 - FY20)

	FY18 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)				FY19 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)				FY20 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)							
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q				
ACTIVITY:					FFY18 (Oct 1 - Sept 30)				FFY19 (Oct 1 - Sept 30)				FFY20 (Oct 1 - Sept 30)			
					1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Annual Action Plan		Completed					4,500						In 5YR Plan			
CAPER				6,000	<u>Today</u>				6,000						6,000	
ERR			Completed				6,000					6,000				
Five Year Consolidated Plan									7,500	7,500	7,500					
Analysis of Impediments									5,700	5,600	5,700					
Total Annual Payment:				<u>6,000</u>		4,500	6,000	6,000	13,200	13,100	19,200	6,000		Three Year Total:	74,000	
NOTES:																
FY - Fiscal Year (January 1 to December 31) Township's fiscal operating year.																
FFY - Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 to September 30) Township's CDBG program fiscal operating year.																
Annual Action Plan - Due annually to HUD on or before August 15 each year. Twp. approval required at each July BOC meeting.																
CAPER - Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report - Due annually to HUD on or before December 31 each year.																
ERR - Environmental Review Record (Full ERR may be limited in scope in some years based on projects.)																
New 5 YR Consolidated Plan - Due to HUD on or before August 15, 2020.																
Analysis of Impediments is a summary of deficiencies for the low/moderate income population specific to Abington Township.																
Most work for the above items begins 3-6 months before due date.																
Dollar amount above represents when an activity begins.																
Current consultant contract has expired.																
74,000 is a not to exceed amount. If a full ERR is not required, then this amount will be reduced.																
FFYs 19 & 20 program years are subject to federal funding.																
Due to the complexity in operating both the CDBG and HOME programs, township staff may seek consultation at certain items.																



PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM

February 22, 2019

DATE

PA-02-031419

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes



No



PUBLIC BID REQUIRED

Cost > \$20,100

Yes



No



AGENDA ITEM:

Abington Township application for PA DCNR Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant for Briar Bush Nature Center

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2014, Abington Township was awarded a planning grant of \$37,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and moved forward with creation of the Master Site Development Plan. A huge component of the Master Site Development Plan process involved participation and intense vetting by residents and stakeholders. Feedback was collected through key person interviews and a series of public meetings. Through this process, the public identified their top priorities for park improvement, which included improved accessibility, safety, and public visibility.

Now, Abington Township is requesting to apply for Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in to implement the first phase of the Master Site Development Plan at Briar Bush Nature Center, as referenced in the Previous Action section. The grant requires a 1:1 match.

Phase I Implementation of the top priorities of the Master Site Plan will be accomplished within a three year time frame. (The Master Site Plan has been included within the attachments.)

Phase II will require a separate funding design, to be determined at a later date.

We anticipate that the match will be comprised of in-kind time of Parks and Recreation (including Briar Bush) staff and Public Works staff; Friends of Briar Bush volunteer time and funding; currently allocated capital dollars.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS:

In March 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved a grant application by Abington Township to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for \$37,000 to undertake a Master Site Development Plan for Abington Parks and Recreation's Briar Bush Nature Center. The Board of Commissioners approved providing matching in-kind and funds.

The Board of Commissioners subsequently approved acceptance of the grant award by PA DCNR.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Motion to request approval to submit a Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) that is due on April 10, 2019.



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

Richard J. Manfredi
Township Manager

FISCAL NOTE

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: PA-02-031419

DATE INTRODUCED: February 22, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT AMOUNT: 19,000.00

FUND:

FISCAL IMPACT:



YES



NO

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes



No



SUMMARY

The project will allow Abington Township's Briar Bush Nature Center be a more accessible, more visible, more welcoming, and safer- all desired as determined through extensive public input. The fiscal impact will be primarily reliant on in-kind match- that is staff time coming from Parks and Public Works. The grant, if successful, will result in the Township receiving funds of \$97,395 from the PA DCNR that would not have otherwise come to the Township. The match required is a 1:1; the Township will match it's portion through \$19,000 previously allocated in capital support, in-kind services, and in-kind labor. The Friends of Briar Bush committed to support the project through in-kind support and capital dollars totaling up to \$30,000.

ANALYSIS

The Master Site Plan implementation at Briar Bush Nature Center will allow the Township to respond to desires of Township citizens, who gave their voices at public meetings, through key person interviews, through online inquiry, and in focus groups.

The public identified several areas of improvements that they would like to see implemented at Briar Bush; including increased visibility and safety at the front entrance, an accessible path to the much beloved Bird Observatory for wheelchairs, strollers, walkers - the old and the young; creating accessible public parking and access; moving the butterfly house for safety and aesthetics, and improving the Bird Observatory. These improvements are slated to occur over three-year period.

The grant will bring outside dollars to fund hard costs, while the match comes from in-kind labor, volunteer labor, previously allocated capital, and funding from the Friends of Briar Bush.

Abington Township's Briar Bush Nature Center

Master Site Development Plan Brief

Project History:

In 2015, Abington Township was awarded a grant (\$37 K; a 1:1 matching from PA DCNR) for the preparation of a master site development plan of the Briar Bush Nature Center. The Nature Center is owned by the municipality and maintained and operated by the township's Parks and Recreation Department aided by a private nonprofit, The Friends of Briar Bush. Briar Bush is considered a premier asset for Abington, and is also enjoyed beyond the township's borders.

An RFP process chose Carter Van Dyke & Associates to lead planning. Following extensive public input, including multiple open meetings, in-person interviews, surveys, and a three month public comment period, the Plan was completed October 2016. The Abington Township Board of Commissioners approved the grant and unanimously accepted the plan.

Commissioners who supported the plan included: Steven Kline (Ward 1), Drew Rothman (Ward 3), Jimmy DiPlacido (Ward 4), Wayne Luker (Ward 5), Ben Sanchez (Ward 7) Peggy Myers (Ward 8), Dennis Zappone (Ward 9), John Spiegelman (Ward 11), Carol Gillespie (Ward 13), Lori Schreiber (Ward 14), Thomas Bowman (Ward 15)

Priorities identified by public process:

1) **Streetscape: Need a more obvious and welcoming entrance, with safer entry and egress and maximizing storm water management opportunities**

Challenges:

- Many local residents drive past the property and never notice us or only after years. First-time visitors specifically looking for us cannot find the Nature Center
- The entrance has to be welcoming and have the appropriate "natural" feel (suitable for a nature center); at the same time, the entry and egress must allow motorists and pedestrians safe entry and egress from the Center
- The one-way loop parking is a safer for visitors, especially families walking with young children: they only have to pay attention to cars from one direction, but some motorists don't recognize how to enter the one-way loop and drive the wrong way; proper entrance and exit needs to be made more obvious
- The current rain gardens handle a large volume of storm water from the street and parking, but trees and shrubs block sightlines; we should convert to additional rain gardens that motorists can see over and expand the storm water management capacity

2) **ADA access to Bird Observatory: Design and implement an ADA compliant pervious surface path to the Griscom Bird Observatory, one of the most popular attractions at BBNC.**

Challenges:

- Visitors who have trouble walking on uneven surfaces, are in a wheelchair, or are pushing a stroller, have difficulty on the path to the bird observatory because its woodchip surface is uneven
- We want to maintain the "natural" feel of the woods and the path
- The final path should be as easy to maintain as possible, especially in the winter
- The design of the path should not lead to any degradation of local plant life

As recent testament to the above priorities: at WinteFest (an annual public event) Feb. 3, BBNC saw 400 visitors. A car was rear-ended on Edge Hill when slowing to find its way into the lot. At the same event, a visitor in a wheel chair asked if there was wheel-chair access to the Bird Observatory, and staff had to explain that she would need to go back to her care and be driven by a back entrance there. She was unwilling, saying she wished she could just go on her own- the building is not that far.

3) Pavilion: Create a safer and more accommodating drop off point for large groups of people and provide a covered area outside for additional programs and for groups to have lunch.

Challenges:

- Currently, large groups dropped off from buses convene on the sidewalk area outside of the museum entrance and are often spilling into the driveway and/or blocking other visitors
- Minimal outdoor covered areas exist for large groups to have lunch
- We are in great need of a covered outdoor program space that is ADA accessible and relatively close to bathrooms

4) Butterfly House: Relocate the butterfly house so that visitors have clear views of the museum entrance and pedestrians in the museum area.

Challenges:

- The current location and large size of the butterfly house is disorienting to new visitors because it hides the entrance of the Museum and car drivers do not realize that they can get around the loop drive so they turn around in a dangerous manner
- The current location creates an unsafe situation for large groups of children who often wander off of the "island" and onto the driveway where moving cars have very limited visibility

Implementation:

Thanks to a matching grant program through PA DCNR, residents and other stakeholders now have a chance to see these priorities addressed. Andrew "Drew" Gilchrist, Regional Advisor for DCNR, stated that DCNR invested in this Master Site Plan and would like to see it come to fruition. Briar Bush staff met with Drew to help shape the scope of implementation into viable grant contender.

The project's completion will greatly increase the public safety of the site, will greatly increase the public ADA accessibility of the site, will reuse materials sustainably, and will allow greater storm water management on the site.

Fiscal Considerations:

The grant is a 1:1 match with spending spread over a 3-YEAR period beginning in 2020.

We estimate the project budget at \$194,790. \$97,395 would be NEW money from DCNR. The match from AT would include: \$19,000 in capital already allocated by AT toward priorities #1 and #4; Briar Bush staff time: approximately 180 hours for \$8,365; volunteer time: 175 hours for about \$4,300; Township Labor: approximately 860 hours for \$37,840; \$1,200 in-kind permitting, and \$26,690 from the Friends of Briar Bush.

DCNR-2014-C2P2-16	Application Information (*Indicates required information)	
Applicant Legal Name:* Abington Township		Web Application ID:* 100-7785
Project Title:* Briar Bush Nature Center Master Site Plan		

WHEREAS, Abington Township

("Applicant") desires to undertake the following project

Briar Bush Nature Center Master Site Plan; and
(Project Title)

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and a document entitled "**Grant Agreement Signature Page**"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department **if the applicant is awarded a grant**; and


NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The "**Grant Agreement Signature Page**" may be signed on behalf of the applicant by the Official who, at the time of signing, has **TITLE** of Abington Township Board of Commissioners President.
2. If this Official signed the "**Grant Agreement Signature Page**" prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the "**Grant Agreement Signature Page**", signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's **executed** signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the **TITLE** specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the

Abington Township Board of Commissioners
(identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)

of the applicant this 13th day of March, 2014.


Secretary (Signature of the Secretary of the governing body)
Michael LeFevre

DCNR USE ONLY

Project Number: _____

DCNR-2018-C2P2-19

Applicant Information (* indicates required information)

Applicant/Grantee Legal Name: **ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**

Web Application ID: **2000795**

Project Title: **Briar Bush Nature Center Master Site Plan Implementation**

WHEREAS, **ABINGTON TOWNSHIP** ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project, "**Briar Bush Nature Center Master Site Plan Implementation**" ("Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and a document entitled "**Grant Agreement Signature Page**"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department **if the applicant is awarded a grant**; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The "**Grant Agreement Signature Page**" may be signed on behalf of the applicant by the Official who, at the time of signing, has **TITLE** of "**Manager**".
2. If this Official signed the "**Grant Agreement Signature Page**" prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
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I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the

(identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)

of this applicant, this _____ day of _____, _____ .

Secretary (Signature of the Secretary of the governing body)
Richard J. Manfredi



PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM

February 22, 2019

DATE

Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT

PA-03-031419

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes



No



PUBLIC BID REQUIRED

Cost > \$20,100

Yes



No



AGENDA ITEM:

Ratify Keystone Communities (KC) Program Grant application for the Abington Township Veteran's War Memorial Island

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

We were directed to apply for the Keystone Communities grant after not receiving the GTRP grant as this was a better fit for our project. This grant is through PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS:

Approved applying for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation (GTRP). We were not awarded the GTRP grant.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Motion to Ratify Keystone Communities (KC) Program Grant application for the Abington Township Veteran's War Memorial Island in the amount of \$17,000.00



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

Richard J. Manfredi
Township Manager

FISCAL NOTE

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: PA-03-031419

DATE INTRODUCED: February 22, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT AMOUNT: 17,000.00

FUND:

FISCAL IMPACT:

YES

NO

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes

No

SUMMARY

A commitment of \$17,000.00 is required from the Township to finalize this grant request.

ANALYSIS

This grant will enable the Township to complete the War Memorial Island project.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM

5-25-18

DATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT

PA-01-060618

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes

No

PUBLIC BID REQUIRED

Cost > \$20,100

Yes

No

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution #18-024 - War Memorial Island Grant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This project will be to take the current War Memorial Island which is now in need of an upgrade and turn it into a true Memorial that will honor those that have lost their lives defending our country from WWI to the present war on terror. It will also be a tribute to those that have served or are currently serving out country. It will be a small park with a purpose. The Resolution will allow us to apply for a grant to help fund the project.

This project will be accomplished utilizing both public and private resources. The land is owned and maintained by the Township and a good portion of the site preparation will be performed by Township personnel and equipment. Design work and site plans will be provided by private entities in both chargeable and charitable forms. Walkways, plantings, benches, parking area and site work will be done as part of the applied for grant. All other work including statues, monuments, eternal flame, etc. will be accomplished using private donations and funding as well as volunteer help.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Motion to pass Resolution #18-024 authorizing the Township Manager to enter into any agreements between Abington Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the grant.

MADELEINE DEAN, MEMBER
153RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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May 23, 2018

PA Department of Community & Economic Development
Office of Business Financing – CFA Programs Division
Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Attn: Mr. Scott Dunkleberger
Executive Director of CFA

Re: Abington Township's Application for DCED-CFA Greenways, Trails and Recreation
Program (GTRP) – Abington Township Veterans' Memorial Park

Dear Mr. Dunkleberger:

I write to offer my support for Abington Township and the local community in their bid to secure funding for this admirable cause—The Abington Township Veterans' Memorial Park.

There is a small park with one marker in the place where the proposed park will be. And while it is something—residents, staff, and elected officials of Abington Township have long pined for the rehabilitation and improvements to this public park. Currently, it is not a proper tribute to honor the fallen and all who have served our country. The plans for this Veteran's Park are quite stunning and will provide a respite for all to reflect and show respect for those who have served. It will also connect a stretch of sidewalk along Old York Road to the sidewalk above this island and will therefore make it a safer, more walkable section of a very busy road in the district.

Local businesses and township departments will be volunteering, and local residents will be raising dollars to build a fitting memorial and to keep the amount of the grant application low. The request of \$107,000 doesn't take into consideration the enormous amount of local heart and toil that will be put into this project—it is equal to much more than just the required 15% match.

This project is an excellent candidate for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program and would be a most welcomed and beloved site for the residents of this area. I request this letter be included in support of Abington Township's application and I hope that you will consider funding this worthy project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

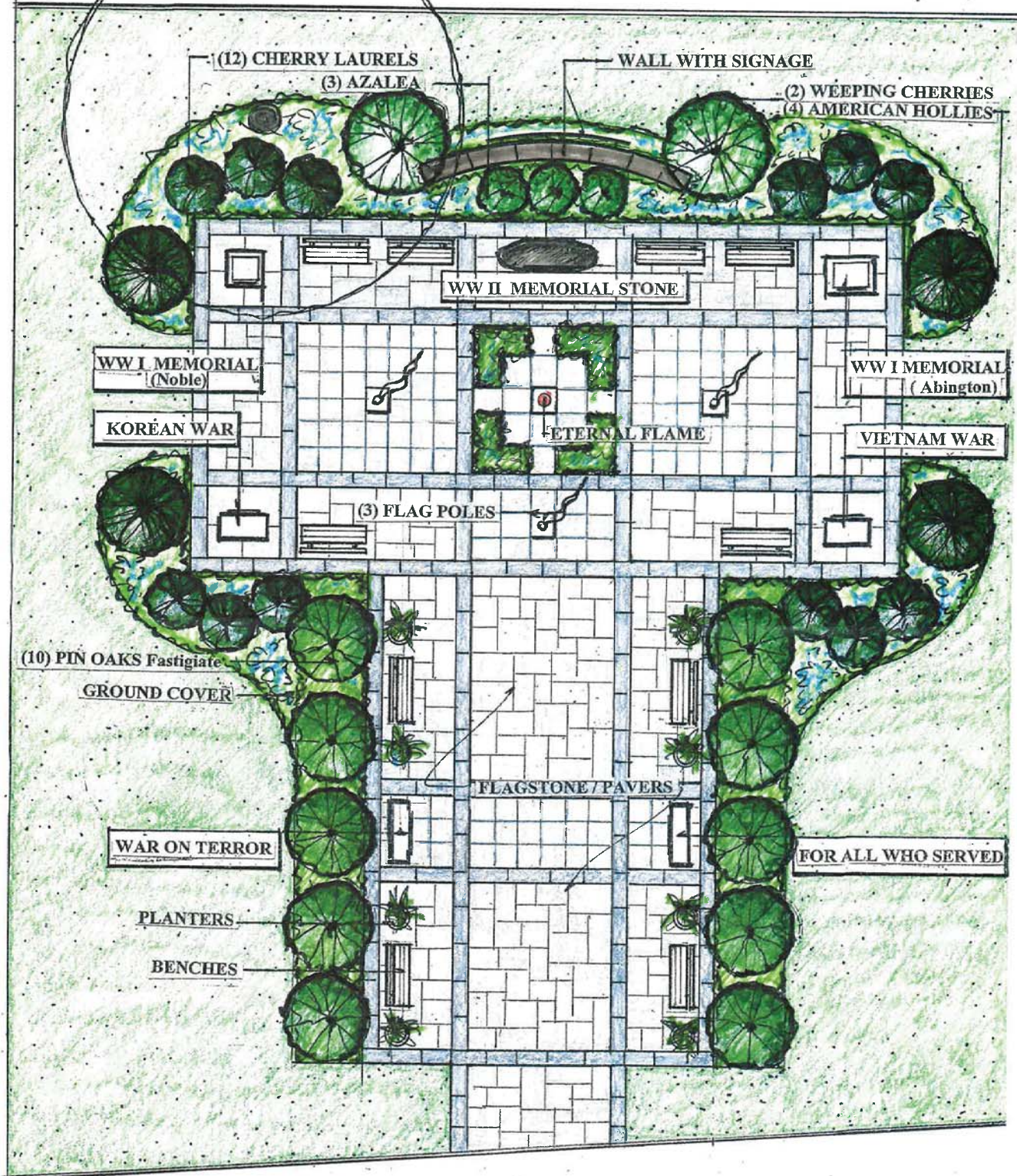
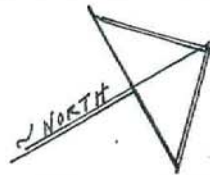
Madeleine Dean

State Representative

153rd Legislative District

Cc: Wayne Luker, Abington Township Board of Commissioners President
Rich Manfredi, Abington Township Manager
Andy Oles, Abington Township Director of Parks and Recreation
Ed Micciolo, Abington Township Director of Public Works

OLD YORK ROAD



Conceptual Landscape Plan
WAR MEMORIAL ISLAND
Abington Township

SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

Resolution #18-024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR A GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM (GTRP) GRANT FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL ISLAND

BE it RESOLVED, that the Township of Abington of Montgomery County hereby request a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$107,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for upgrades, walkways, etc. to the War Memorial Island.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township of Abington and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Richard J. Manfredi, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held June 14, 2018 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Township of Abington and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of Abington, this 14TH day of June, 2018.

ATTEST:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP


Richard J. Manfredi,
Township Secretary


Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners





Township of Abington

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Richard J. Manfredi, *Manager*
Jay W. Blumenthal, *Treasurer*

July 5, 2018

Gregory Welker, Economic Development Analyst
PA Department of Community & Economic Development
Office of Business Financing
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Dear Mr. Welker:

Abington Township is committed to the War Memorial Island Project that is underway in Abington. We are aware of the costs associated with the project and the funds needed to complete the match of the grant which was submitted to you.

This letter will serve to assure you that the matching funds for the grant are committed and will be available when they are needed.

This project is a true tribute to the men and women of our military past and present who risked their lives for our freedom. It is the least that we can do for them.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Manfredi,
Township Manager

**Abington Township
War Memorial Island
Old York Road**

February 5, 2019

Dear Friends:

Are you aware that Abington Township has a Veterans Memorial on Old York Road in front of Temple Beth Am and The Penn State Dorms? Though it is there, it is not readily visible and is in great need of repair.

A group of Veterans and friends has begun working on a project to replace the current one that has been in place for many years.

With your help, our efforts can go even further in making this area a true Veterans Memorial Island for all Veterans having served in all wars past and present.

We hope we can count on your financial support in achieving our mission. Your tax deductible contribution will permanently honor a loved one.

Thanking you in advance for your support. Your donation will go towards creating new monuments, benches, landscaping, pavers and parking for the new Memorial Island.

Yours sincerely,



Ed Micciolo, Chairman
Veterans Memorial Island Committee

Send to:

**Abington Township
c/o War Memorial Island
1176 Old York Road
Abington, PA 19001**

(Abington Township Tax ID # 23-600025)

*Commemorate a Cherished Loved One Who Helped Preserve
American Freedom on the Frontlines or on the Home Front*

Buy a Brick Today

Individuals, military units, and civilian organizations may be commemorated by loved ones who make a donation to the "Buy a Brick" program. A brick will be installed on War Memorial Island. Your tax deductible contribution will permanently honor a loved one (Abington Township Tax ID #23-6000025). To take part complete the form and return it with your payment.

Your Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Text for Brick:

Line 1:

From the Family of

In Memory of

Dedicated to

From the Friends of

In Honor of

Donated by

No first line

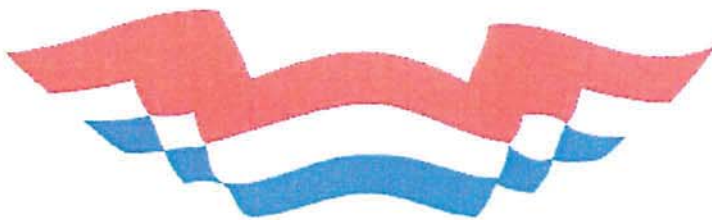
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Line 3: (24 characters maximum, including spaces) _____

Payment 4"x8" _____ \$100 check payable to the Abington Township/War Memorial

8"x8" _____ \$150 check payable to the Abington Township/War Memorial

Please fill out the above form and include a check in the amount of the size brick you request.



**Abington Township
War Memorial Island
1176 Old York Road
Abington, Pa., 19001**

Send it to:

**Abington Township
c/o War Memorial Island
1176 Old York Road
Abington, Pa., 19001**

*Commemorate a Cherished Loved One Who Helped Preserve
American Freedom on the Frontlines or on the Home Front*

Buy a Bench Today

Individuals, military units, and civilian organizations may be commemorated by loved ones who make a donation to the "Buy a Bench" program. A bench will be installed on War Memorial Island. Your tax deductible contribution will permanently honor a loved one (Abington Township Tax ID #23-6000025). To take part complete the form and return it with your payment.

Your Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Text for Bench:

Line 1:

From the Family of

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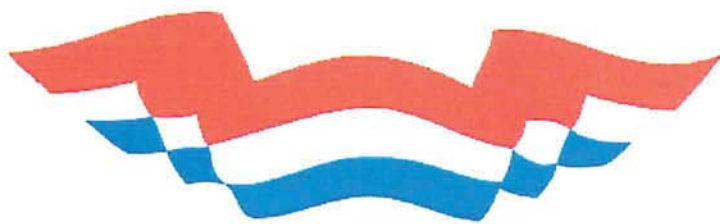
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Line 2: (24 characters maximum, including spaces) _____

Line 3: (24 characters maximum, including spaces) _____

Payment _____ \$5,000 check payable to the Abington Township/War Memorial.

Please fill out the above form and include a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Abington Township/War Memorial Island.



**Abington Township
War Memorial Island
1176 Old York Road
Abington, Pa., 19001**

Send it to:

**Abington Township
c/o War Memorial Island
1176 Old York Road
Abington, Pa., 19001**



Township of Abington

Wayne C. Luker, *President*
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Richard J. Manfredi, *Manager*
Jay W. Blumenthal, *Treasurer*

February 22, 2019

Christie Yerger, Keystone Communities Program Manager
PA Department of Community & Economic Development
Center for Community Enhancement
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Dear Christie:

Abington Township is committed to the War Memorial Island project that is underway in Abington. We are aware of the costs associated with the project and the \$17,000 needed to complete the match of the grant which was submitted to you.

This letter will serve to assure you that the matching funds for the grant are committed and will be available when they are needed. This project is a true tribute to the men and women of our military past and present who risked their lives for our freedom. It is the least we can do for them.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Richard J. Manfredi
Township Manager

Resolution #19-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR A GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM (GTRP) GRANT FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL ISLAND

BE it RESOLVED, that the Township of Abington of Montgomery County hereby request a Keystone Communities (KC) Program grant of \$107,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for upgrades, walkways, etc. to the War Memorial Island.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township of Abington and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Richard J. Manfredi, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held March 14, 2019 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Township of Abington and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of Abington, this 14TH day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

Richard J. Manfredi,
Township Manager & Secretary

Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners