

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**May 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL: SPIEGELMAN - BOWMAN - SCHREIBER - ROTHMAN -
KALINOSKI**

**Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Director of Parks and Recreation WENDELL**

MINUTES:

**Motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Public Affairs
Committee Meeting.**

**Marian Stroup, Montgomery County Outreach Coordinator, Sunday
Breakfast Rescue Mission - Call on Commissioner Spiegelman**

Parks and Recreation Report - Call on Doug Wendell

**PA1. Resolution No. 16-019 - Supporting a Grant Application to TCDI
for 'Walk, Park, Train Abington'**

**Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-019 approving Abington
Township to submit an application to the Transportation and
Community Development Initiative (TCDI). The grant
submission will support the 'Walk, Park, Train' concept of the
Master Bike Plan.**

**PA2. Penn State Abington/Abington Township Scholarship Program
Guidelines**

**Motion to approve the Penn State Abington/Abington Township
Scholarship Program Guidelines setting forth the Purpose,
Criteria, Requirements, Guidelines, Amount, Timeline and Award
of the \$30,000 annual allocation.**

**Board of Commissioners
Public Affairs Committee**

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

May 4, 2016

PA1
Agenda Item Number

AGENDA ITEM

DEPARTMENT
Administration

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

**Resolution #16-019
Supporting a Grant Application to TCDI
for 'Walk Park Train Abington'**



PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

- In February, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Master Bike Plan for the Township.
- The Township has since applied for a TAP Grant to implement a portion of the Bike Plan and also a DCNR Grant to cover the design and Engineering expenses to implement this portion of the Bike Plan.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

- Motion to adopt Resolution #16-019 approving Abington Township to submit an application to the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI). The grant submission will support the 'Walk, Park, Train' concept of the Master Bike Plan.

COMMENTS:

- The Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) is a grant program of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) that supports local development and redevelopment efforts in qualifying municipalities of the Delaware Valley.
- The grant request will be \$125,000 and the matching funds requirement will be an amount not to exceed 20% of the project costs.
- **WALK PARK TRAIN Abington** combines five (5) inter-related, complex, multi-modality tasks toward creating greater efficiency for Abington's transportation infrastructure while it plans for new, future, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) around the impressive array of SEPTA train stations.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-019

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Participation in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's
Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program**

WHEREAS, Abington Township supports the request for planning grant dollars from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Abington Township understands the grant amount requested must provide 20% of the total project cost as match in local, county, state or private funds or documented in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, Abington Township fully understands the application requirements and contracting process if awarded the planning grant dollars; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Abington Township, Montgomery County **HEREBY AUTHORIZES** the President of the Board of Commissioners to submit an application to DVRPC for a TCDI planning grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Abington Township, Montgomery County agrees to, if selected for the TCDI grant, to:

Engage in contracting procedures including the competitive Request for Proposals and budget allocation;
Sign Grant Agreement Documents;
Agree to submit reimbursement invoices and progress reports along with necessary supporting documentation on a quarterly basis;
Take all necessary action to complete the project associated with the grant agreement within 24-month timeframe, and submit the final deliverable to DVRPC; and
Provide proof of adoption or acceptance by the governing body through a resolution and the final deliverable is received.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2016

ATTEST:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

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TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Administration

Penn State Abington/Abington Township
Scholarship Program Guidelines



PREVIOUS ACTIONS

As part of the Land Development approval process for the Penn State Student Housing Facility on Susquehanna Road, Penn State agreed to provide the projected permit value of the project to the Township. Part of that contribution will be an annual \$30,000 scholarship allocation for Abington residents.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Motion to approve the Penn State Abington/Abington Township Scholarship Program Guidelines setting forth the Purpose, Criteria, Requirements, Guidelines, Amount, Timeline and Award of the \$30,000 annual allocation.

COMMENTS

As Penn State Abington has an existing program in place for processing and awarding scholarships, the College has agreed to administer the program and make all decisions on recipients.

Penn State Abington – Abington Township Scholarship Program Guidelines

Purpose:

Through a collaborative agreement with Penn State Abington, Abington Township will award a total of \$25,000 annually in tuition scholarships on a competitive basis to eligible Township residents. An additional amount of \$5,000 will be available for emergency needs for tuition/fees or books/supplies for Township residents with special circumstances (see terms below).

Tuition Scholarship Criteria:

- Resident of Abington Township for a minimum of one year prior to application
- First year, transfer or current undergraduate Penn State Abington student enrolled at least half-time in a bachelor's degree program (if enrolled half-time, scholarship amount would be half)
- 2.5 minimum high school GPA and 800 SAT (Reading & Math) for incoming, first year students or 2.5 minimum college GPA for transfer or current students
- Preference will be given to students with demonstrated financial need as indicated on FAFSA
- Completion of scholarship application form with a 200-250 word essay
- Recommendation of Abington Township Ward Commissioner

Guidelines:

Successful scholarship applicants will be determined annually by July 1 (August 1 for 2016-17) with the financial awards applied in equal distributions to their Penn State account in August and December. The scholarship award will be made directly to the Penn State Abington Business Office and applied to the recipient's outstanding bill. Scholarship terms are to be reviewed annually and approved by mutual consent of the Board of Commissioners and Penn State Abington.

Amount:

Five \$5,000 scholarships awarded and applied in equal installments of \$2,500 in August and December for full-time students (or half (\$2,500) for part-time students enrolled in at least 6 credits/semester). The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to revisit the number and amount of scholarships annually with the understanding that the total amount awarded will not exceed \$30,000 yearly. Any unused funds will be carried forward to the subsequent academic year's awards.

Timeline:

Applications will be accepted March 1 – May 1 annually (May 5 - June 1 for 2016-17). There will be no exceptions to the application deadline.

Tuition Scholarship Award Process:

Students submit scholarship applications to the Township Manager by May 1 (June 1 for 2016-17). The Township Manager will forward applications to the appropriate Ward Commissioner for comments and recommendations. The Township Manager will submit scholarship applications to Penn State Abington for review by May 15 (June 15 for 2016-17). Penn State Abington's Director of Enrollment Management and Financial Aid Director will provide the list of eligible, selected nominees to the Township Manager

by June 1 (July 1 for 2016-17) for final approval. The Township Manager will notify Penn State Abington with final scholarship decisions by July 1 (August 1 for 2016-17).

Scholarship Renewal:

Scholarships may re-apply for consideration each year.

Emergency Fund Award Process:

Abington Township students with emergency requests for financial assistance due to changed financial circumstances may submit a written request to the Penn State Abington Financial Aid Office. Changes to financial circumstances may include but are not limited to reduction in income, unusually high medical expenses, change in parent/student marital status, etc. Emergency fund requests will be reviewed by Penn State Abington Financial Aid staff taking into consideration special circumstances, students' need index, and unmet financial need. Ward Commissioners may refer students to the Penn State Abington Financial Aid Office for consideration of emergency grant consideration.

Eligibility:

- Resident of Abington Township for a minimum of one year prior to application
- First year, transfer or current undergraduate Penn State Abington student enrolled in a bachelor’s degree program at least half-time (6 credits/semester)
- 2.5 minimum high school GPA and 800 SAT (Reading & Math) for incoming, first year students or 2.5 minimum college GPA for transfer or current students
- Preference will be given to students with demonstrated financial need as indicated on FAFSA
- Complete application including 200-250 word essay
- Recommendation of Abington Township Ward Commissioner

How to Apply:

Submit this application (pages 1 and 2) with your essay to:

Michael LeFevre, Abington Township Manager
1176 Old York Road
Abington, PA 19001
Fax: (215) 884-8271

Applicant Name	Penn State ID Number	GPA
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Home Address

Essay 200-250 words submitted as an attachment to this application on the topic below:

Describe how a college education will help you reach your goals for your future.

Circle your college grade level in the 16-17 academic year: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Are there any special family or financial circumstances which you would like to be taken into consideration? If so, please explain.

This page is to be completed by Abington Township Manager and Ward Commissioner.

Date Application Received
by Township Manager

Ward Commissioner Recommendation

For Ward Commissioner: Please complete the form below and return the complete scholarship application to the Township Manager.

Circle One:

Highly Recommended

Recommended

Not Recommended

Comments:

Ward Number

Commissioner Name

Commissioner Signature

Date