

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

November 2, 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 October 5, 2016 Public
Affairs Committee Meeting.**

Parks and Recreation Report - Call on Doug Wendell

**PA1. Multimodal Transportation Fund Program - DCED Grant Award
Acceptance Request**

**Motion to accept the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)
grant from the Department of Community and Economic
Development (DCED) in the amount of \$812,486.00 to support
the Old York Road/Susquehanna Road project.**

**PA2. Multimodal Transportation Fund Program - PennDOT Grant
Award Acceptance Request**

**Motion to accept the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program
grant from PennDOT in the amount of \$588,153.00 for
improvements to the intersection of Old York and Susquehanna
Roads.**

PA3. Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority Agreement Request

Motion to authorize an agreement to partner with the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority for the Old York Road/Susquehanna Road project.

PA4. Resolution No. 16-030 for PECO Green Region Grant for Jackson Park

Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-030 which authorizes the Bureau of Parks and Recreation to make application to the Natural Lands Trust for the 2016 PECO Green Region Grant in the amount of \$8,000.00. The funding will be used for the removal of invasive vegetation in Jackson Park.


BOARD ACTION REQUEST
Public Affairs Committee

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AGENDA ITEM

DEPARTMENT
Administration



TOWNSHIP MANAGER



Multimodal Transportation Fund Program
DCED Grant Award Acceptance Request

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

- Resolution #15-025 was adopted July 2015 approving Abington Township to submit an application to the Department of Community & Economic Development for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program. The grant submission will support the Old York Rd / Susquehanna Rd project.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

- Motion to accept the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant from the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) in the amount of \$812,486.00 to support the Old York Road / Susquehanna Road project.

COMMENTS:

- The matching funds requirement will be an amount not to exceed 30% of the project costs.
- The grant funds will be used for the purpose of purchasing and demolishing 1100, 1102, 1104, & 1106 Old York Road, and 1907 Susquehanna Road in order to support the vision of the Old York Road / Susquehanna Road project.
- The MTF grant funds will be used to create a more walkable town center, safer roadways and a hub that will connect residents to bike lanes and mass transit, as well as cultural, education and commercial districts.

BOARD ACTION REQUEST
Public Affairs Committee

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AGENDA ITEM

DEPARTMENT
Administration

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Multimodal Transportation Fund Program
PennDOT Grant Award Acceptance Request

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

- Resolution #15-040 was adopted October 2015 approving Abington Township to submit an application to PennDOT for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program to support the Old York Rd / Susquehanna Rd project.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

- Motion to accept the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program grant from PennDOT in the amount of \$588,153 for improvements to the intersection of Old York and Susquehanna Roads.

COMMENTS:

- The matching funds requirement will be an amount not to exceed 30% of the project costs.
- The grant funds will be used for the purpose of alignment and reconstruction of the intersection which will increase the turning radii, add a turning lane, upgrade traffic signals, and improve access to businesses on the northwest corner of the intersection.
- The PennDOT MTF grant will support economic growth and attract new residents and businesses in the township while also supporting improved transportation for all residents, whether they walk, bike or drive.

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Public Affairs Committee**

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AGENDA ITEM

DEPARTMENT
Administration



TOWNSHIP MANAGER

**Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority
Agreement Request**



PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

- Motion to authorize an agreement to partner with the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority for the Old York Road / Susquehanna Road project.

COMMENTS:



- The RDA will assist the Old York Road / Susquehanna Road project team in getting the acquired properties from the Multimodal Fund grants under agreement.
- The partnership will be a collaborative process between the RDA and the Township.
- The RDA provides significant redevelopment expertise.

BOARD ACTION REQUEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA4

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP MANAGER</u>
Parks and Recreation 	Resolution 16-030 for PECO Green Region Grant for Jackson Park	

PREVIOUS ACTIONS

Approved resolution for the 2016 round of PECO Green Region Grants.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Motion to approve Resolution #16-030 which authorizes the Bureau of Parks and Recreation to make application to the Natural Lands Trust for the 2016 PECO Green Region Grant in the amount of \$8,000. The funding will be used for the removal of invasive vegetation in Jackson Park.

COMMENTS

In accordance with the accepted Master Plan for Jackson Park, the Bureau is interested in further removal of invasive vegetation in Jackson Park in 2017. The Township is eligible to apply for funding through the Natural Lands Trust from PECO for additional funding in the amount of \$8,000. The funding, if awarded, will allow the removal of invasive plants in the park. There is a requirement for 50/50 match.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-030
2016 PECO GREEN REGION OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
FOR THE JACKSON PARK INVASIVE REMOVAL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington desires to undertake the Jackson Park Invasive Removal project; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to apply to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program Guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Abington hereby approves this project and authorizes application to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program in the amount of \$8,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the application is granted, the Township of Abington commits to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$8,000.00 necessary for the project's success.

ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2016.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

**Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST:

Michael LeFevre, Township Secretary