



Township of Northampton

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Supervisor

April 27, 2005

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Board of Supervisors present were:

John E. Long Jr.
Dr. Arthur Friedman
Peter F. Palestina
James E. Kinney
George F. Komelasky

Others present were:

D. Bruce Townsend, Township Manager
David W. Connell, Township Engineer
Edward Rudolph, Township Solicitor's Officer

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Long.

A. CITIZENS CONCERNS – None

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of April 13, 2005 was accepted by unanimous consent as presented.

C. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)

1. Verizon – Mr. Komelasky requested the Administration to request Verizon to submit a phasing plan related to the installation of cable in the right-of-way and have the information listed on Channel 23 so residents will know when Verizon will be working in their area of the Township. He also reiterated his concern from the last meeting that the Administration ensure that there was sufficient protection for residents affected by the re-build in the form of escrow, bonds and/or inspections.

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)

1. American Chimney Hearth and Patio – Request Waiver from Land Development – A motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed by unanimous vote approving the request for waiver from a land development submitted by Matthew Halper of American Chimney Hearth & Patio to allow the installation of a garden pergola with a goldfish pond in the rear of the property located at 90 Buck Road.
2. Request Waiver from Land Development – Children First Dental Associates – A motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed by unanimous vote approving the request for waiver from a land development submitted by Richard Patete for the property located at 696 Second Street Pike (TMP#31-8-1-4) to allow two occupancies in one building, subject to compliance with all applicable building codes and other related codes and regulations.
3. Reappointment – Planning Commission – By unanimous votes, motions (Friedman-Kinney) were passed reappointing Evan J. Stone and Antonio Albano, each, to another four year term on the Northampton Township Planning Commission effective immediately and expiring April 30, 2009.
4. Churchville Nature Center/Playwicki Park Greenway Study – Heritage Conservancy – A motion (Friedman-Kinney) was passed by a 3 to 2 vote (Palestina-Komelasky voting nay) adopting Resolution R-05-16 whereby the Township will be operating as the ‘lead’ agency for an inter-municipal cooperative project to develop and assess the feasibility of a Churchville to Playwicki Greenway Link Plan and allocate \$5,000 of Township funds to that project, with the understanding that this resolution does not commit the Township for further funding but only for the completion of the project study; and Resolution R-05-17, a resolution that Northampton Township agrees to submit an application on behalf of its partners to pursue matching funds from Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Northampton Township will provide a representative to serve on the Steering Committee and to amend Northampton Township’s Comprehensive Plan by incorporating the results of the Churchville to Playwicki Greenway Link Plan.
5. Make Northampton Neat Day Activities – On Saturday, April 23 the Township, in conjunction with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, held a successful cleanup day. Residents/organizations who participated were commended.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)

1. Emergency Medical Services Week- Mr. Palestina announced that the week of May 15th is set aside as "Emergency Medical Services Week". The Bucks County EMS Chiefs Association, with the cooperation of Channel 10, Philadelphia NBC has produced a public service video that will be shown on Channel 23. The Board was also invited to participate in a "ride-along" with the Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad during the evening hours of that week to give a first hand look at the services being provided..

F. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (Mr. Kinney)

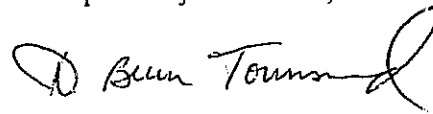
1. Accounts Payable – The accounts payable listing of April 27, 2005 was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Board Vacancies – Northampton Township Park and Recreation Board and Northampton Township Historical Commission – Mr. Kinney announced to the public of vacancies needed to be filled, one vacancy on the Park and Recreation Board and the other on the Historical Commission. Any resident interested in serving on these boards was encouraged to fill out an application and submit it to the Township Administration.
3. Parks & Recreation Brochure – Mr. Kinney announced that the Spring/Summer Parks & Recreation Brochure has been mailed to residents.
4. Municipal Park Grand Opening – Mr. Kinney announced that a Grand Opening for the Municipal Park will be held Sunday, May 15th. All residents are encouraged to attend. The festivities will begin at noon. More information regarding the festivities can be found in the Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Brochure.

G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT (Mr. Long)

1. Holland Road Drainage Issue – Mr. Connell informed the Board that the drainage problem along Holland Road may be the result of a crushed culvert. Penn DOT has been contacted and will be making the necessary repairs. Mr. Connell will follow-up with this matter.

There being no further business, Chairman Long adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bruce Townsend". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

D. Bruce Townsend
Township Manager

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