

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 11, 2012**

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch  
Gregory S. Nesbitt  
Andrew Santacroce  
Deborah Tustin  
W. William Whiteside, III

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager  
Richard Sabol - Finance Director  
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor  
Russ Dunlevy, PE - Engineer

President McCouch opened the regular Council meeting at 8:03 p.m. in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President McCouch asked for questions or comments from the public and Peter Tauber, 1037 Balmoral Way, asked to address Township Council during the subdivision and land development section of the meeting.

Mr. Walker provided the HLRA report. The HLRA continues to negotiate with the homeless providers for a Legal Binding Agreement (LBA). He stated that the next meeting of the HLRA will be held on April 18, 2012 @ 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Township Building.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for March, 2012. He stated that the balance in the General Fund as of 31 March 2012 was \$1,832,223.68, and that the activity in all funds reflects budget expectations for the month.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the amount of \$153,550.92. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker summarized a project for the revitalization of Kohler Park. The proposed project, to be completed by the Horsham Rotary, will be comprised of a picnic pavilion and playground. The project will be based on the recently completed Kohler Park master site plan, and compliment the new park's restrooms which will be completed in 2013. Members of the Horsham Rotary Club were in attendance to answer any questions. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the picnic pavilion and playground, as presented, for Kohler Park. Motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the following subdivisions and land developments:

Park Creek Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion, 1010 Park Ridge Road (12-1-D) in attendance for the application was Mr. Bill Mallon, P. E.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to adopt the resolution as proposed granting amended final approval of the land development plan for the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority Park Creek Sewage Treatment Plant.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt: Aye      Mr. McCouch: Aye      Mr. Santacroce: Aye  
Ms. Tustin: Aye      Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Horsham Valley Golf Club Phasing Plan, 500 Babylon Road (11-6-S) in attendance for the application was Mr. Richard McBride, Esq. Mr. McBride stated that the project would be completed in three separate phases. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the resolution as proposed granting amended final approval of the land development plan for the Horsham Valley Golf Club.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt: Aye      Mr. McCouch: Aye      Mr. Santacroce: Aye  
Ms. Tustin: Aye      Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Abramson Center for Jewish Life Phasing Plan, 1425 Horsham Road (11-02-D) –The application was summarized by Mr. Walker. In attendance for the application was Mr. Robert Kerns, Esq. and Mr. Gary Tilford, P.E. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the resolution as proposed granting amended final approval of the land development plan for the Abramson Center.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt: Aye      Mr. McCouch: Aye      Mr. Santacroce: Aye  
Ms. Tustin: Aye      Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Randa Family Realty (Tonelli's), 1055 & 1101 Horsham Road (11-11-S) in attendance for the application was Mr. Chip Randa. Mr. Peter Tauber, 1037 Balmoral Way, and Mr. Bernard Sousa, 1035 Balmoral Way, voiced several concerns about the project including buffering and storm water. The Solicitor stated that the Township is limited, by state law, as to what it can require from a developer. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the resolution as proposed granting preliminary/final approval of the land development plan for Randa Family Realty Partnership.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt: Aye      Mr. McCouch: Aye      Mr. Santacroce: Aye  
Ms. Tustin: Aye      Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker presented and explained the proposed dog ordinance. Because Pennsylvania law does not cover excessive barking and curbing of dogs, Township staff requested that Township Council consider the ordinance. There was no public comment. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to adopt the ordinance as proposed prohibiting dogs, whether licensed or unlicensed, from running at large within the Township of Horsham and establishing certain controls on dogs owned by residents, non-residents and visitors of the Township and the imposition of penalties for violations.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt: Aye      Mr. McCouch: Aye      Mr. Santacroce: Aye  
Ms. Tustin: Aye      Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Helen Obenquist, 123 Butternut Drive, spoke in favor of the new ordinance. She also asked if a similar ordinance could be considered for cats.

Mr. Walker summarized a contract for Horsham Day fireworks stating that the vendor is Celebration Fireworks, Inc., at a cost of \$9,500, and the sponsor will continue to be Goodman Properties. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to authorize the execution of a contract with Celebration Fireworks, Inc. for the annual Horsham Day fireworks display. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker stated that the Township had old equipment that it would like to sell by auction. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to authorize the disposal of Township owned equipment by auction. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained the Township's 2012 road paving program, and identified the need to bid for milling. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to authorize the solicitation of bids for milling and hereby authorize advertisement of same. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker made an announcement of a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection informational meeting to be held concerning the PCE contamination in the area of Limekiln Pike and Grindleton Lane. The meeting will be held in the Community Center on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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William T. Walker