

The stated meeting of the Public Affairs Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township Abington was held Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Spiegelman presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:42 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners SPIEGELMAN, FARREN SR., SCHREIBER, SANCHEZ, JONES, JR.

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

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, MYERS, GILLESPIE, HECKER, DiPLACIDO, KALINOSKI

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 Public Affairs Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Parks and Recreation Report:

Mr. Doug Wendell, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that Wednesday, April 15, 2015 is the last day for discounts on seasonal pool memberships. Also, the summer brochure has been sent out by mail.

Environmental Advisory Council Report and Presentation:

Jennifer Sherwood, Chairperson of the EAC, introduced Michele Kaczalek, Member and Karin McGarry-Rosen, Associate Member of the EAC, who were also in attendance.

Ms. Sherwood gave a power point presentation on the EAC's Annual Report on 2014 Abington Going Green Project that included information about EAC members and what their objectives and goals were as well as projects and plans going forward in 2015.

Our goals are to improve the community; develop partnerships; use our STAR Communities tool, and we are always looking for volunteers. She requested that the Board of Commissioners promote EAC events in their newsletters; partner with the EAC; donate to Abington Township Green Program; become associate members; and join EAC meetings. She thanked the Board for helping "Abington Go Green." Information can be found on our website [www.eac-abington.org](http://www.eac-abington.org) and/or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/AbingtonEAC](http://www.facebook.com/AbingtonEAC).

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Jones commented that the EAC has provided guidance and advice to the Commissioners, which has been a great help to the Township, and he thanked them for it.

Resolution No. 15-019 – Authorizing the Disposition of Certain Administrative Office Records

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to approve Resolution No. 15-019 authorizing the disposition of Senior Citizen Transit Identification Cards dated between January 1, 1986 – December 31, 1999 and Right to Know Requests dated 2012 and prior.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked to see the “Right To Know” requests before they are destroyed.

Solicitor Clarke replied to the speaker to file a “Right To Know” request.

Commissioner Jones questioned whether asking to see “Right To Know” requests would disrupt the disposition cycle.

Solicitor Clarke replied he does not know the answer as he has never had someone file a “Right To Know” request to see other “Right To Know” requests and he would have to determine whether or not they are of public record.

In regards to disrupting the disposition cycle; Abington Township goes above and beyond every municipality that he works for in announcing what records they are getting ready to destroy. Every municipality he works for has a record retention policy and records are destroyed without it being an agenda item. This is an extraordinary amount of transparency on behalf of the Township in announcing what will be destroyed.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any general comments relating to Public Affairs.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels public safety communication was denied to her and she also feels communication was denied to her about her road being paved.

Commissioner Spiegelman said this resident is making comments pertaining to public safety, which is a committee that met earlier tonight when Chief Kelly was in attendance and this same resident is also making comments about public works matters in which that meeting was held this past Monday night when Mr. Micciolo was present, and now, both Mr. Micciolo and Chief Kelly are not here to defend themselves against this constant barrage of insults.

**ADJOURNMENT:**            8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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