

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners ZAPPONE, SPIEGELMAN, SANCHEZ, MYERS, MARKMAN, KALINOSKI, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, FARREN, GILLESPIE, HECKER, JONES, KLINE, LUKER

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Chief of Police KELLY  
Finance Director BARRON  
Township Engineer POWERS  
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO  
Director of Parks and Recreation WENDELL  
Director of Public Work MICCIOLO  
W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY  
Fire Marshal CLARK  
Traffic Safety Officer FREED

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

President Luker announced that an Executive Session was held on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Joseph Wieber

Commissioner Zappone said Mr. Joe Wieber is a World War II Veteran and served in Germany where he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He and his wife were founding members of Queen of Peace Parish. Joe still resides in the home where he and his wife raised their children.

Commissioner Zappone presented a Citation to Mr. Joseph Weiber celebrating the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington in taking great pleasure joining Joe's family and his church family wishing him the very happiest of birthdays. His life and accomplishments brings pride to our community. Good Health, Good Fortune and Happy Birthday to Joe Weiber!

Mia Castiglione

Commissioner Hecker said several weeks ago, he hosted a community meeting along with Traffic Safety Officer Freed and Director of Code Enforcement Larry Matteo with residents of Bockius, Horace, Woodland and Huntingdon Roads to discuss quality of life issues including traffic safety and parking. During the course of this meeting, Mia's work came to the attention of Traffic Safety Officer Freed.

Traffic Safety Officer Freed said following that meeting, he was informed by Mia's mother that she had conducted a project for school in which she scored first place in school and fourth overall throughout the entire County.

The project consisted of Mia's hypothesis and analysis of traffic stopping or not stopping at Stop signs at Woodland and Bockius Roads. Mia presented her project to him that showed very interesting statistics.

Mia Castiglione said while sitting at the corner of the Woodland and Bockius, she would notice how many vehicles stopped, what their gender was and, if they were on the phone, and most of the time traffic never stopped.

Commissioner Hecker said Mia, while working to identify important safety considerations in her community and taking an interest in her community, is a model for others both adults and children alike.

Commissioner Hecker presented a Certificate of Commendation to Miss Mia Castiglione on behalf of the Abington Township Board of Commissioners and the Abington Township Police Department who extended their sincere congratulations to Mia for her outstanding Science Fair project that examined an important safety issue in our community. Her work on demonstrating the rate at which traffic failed to stop properly at the Stop sign at Woodland and Bockius highlighted an ongoing concern for the Board of Commissioners and our Police Department and it is one that we will continue to address.

Mia's interest in the safety of our community is laudable and serves as an example of what makes our Township such a great place to live. We are proud of her work that placed first at her school and fourth overall in Montgomery County and they commended her for her initiative on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015. Congratulations!

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 9, 2015.

Commissioner Farren made an amendment to the minutes as follows: Commissioner Farren announced that **GYAC's** opening day is this coming Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and the parade and events will be held at the Glenside/Weldon field.

MOTION to ADOPT the minutes as amended – PASSED 15-0.

**VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Commissioner Markman requested that Randy Elton fill unexpired term of Jack Thalheimer as member of the EDC until December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to appoint Michael DePaul as member of the Economic Development Committee to fill the unexpired term of Catherine Johnson until December 31, 2015.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Markman to appoint Randy Elton as member of the Economic Development Committee to fill the unexpired term of Jack Thalheimer until December 31, 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

2014 Capital Improvement Program

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve and enter into contract with Almeida & Hudak Contractors, LLC, for the 12 projects in the 2014 Bond Issue/Phase II Storm Sewer Projects, in the amount of \$1,190,255.00; to be funded from 2014 Bond Issue and 2015 MS4 projects.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Emergency Repair Storm Sewer System – 2700 Block of Phipps Avenue

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve the Engineering Department to hire a contractor to repair the large elliptical concrete pipe in the 2700 block of Phipps Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$26,500. To be funded from surplus funds from the 2014 Bond Issue.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance No. 2093 – Ordinance to Amend the Abington Township Code , Chapter 162, entitled “Zoning” Article VIII, “Supplemental District Regulations,” Section 801.N, “Display and Storage of Goods.”

Commissioner Markman made a MOTION to TABLE the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2093 until the Board of Commissioners meeting of June 11, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Commissioner Kline noted that this was at the request of the person(s) who requested this ordinance so as to better prepare for the hearing next month.

Commissioner Jones questioned whether the public hearing needs to be re-advertised.

Solicitor Clarke replied if it is approved to be tabled until date-certain, and since it was advertised for this evening, it is not required to be re-advertised.

MOTION to TABLE this item PASSED – 15-0.

Lease Agreement – 1220 Huntingdon Road –Abington School District

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to amend the February 8, 2005 Lease Agreement between the Township and the Abington School District for the Township-owned parcel at 1220 Huntingdon Road to allow for parking by the public on weekdays from 5:30 PM to Dusk and to extend the Lease Agreement for an additional (5) five years.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Hecker commented that he received a call from residents who live nearby who indicated that work was being done at this site.

Mr. Matteo replied work is only being done at the driveway entrance.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Ordinance No. 2095 – Ordinance to Amend (PB) Planned Business District Adding Paragraph 32 Student Apartment Housing Use (H-1)

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Markman to advertise a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2095 for Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Purpose of the hearing is to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for Student Apartment Housing in the (PB) Planned Business District.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Solicitor Clarke noted that the ordinance will need to be amended on Page 4, subsection L., which is listed as 404.4.K, and should be amended to the proper code section as 402.4.K.

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION to accept the amendment as stated by Solicitor Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Markman.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, said every PB parcel will permit student housing. Is that correct?

Mr. Matteo replied that is correct.

Ms. Lehmann expressed concern that she feels all of the neighbors should be notified within 500 feet of each PB parcel.

Solicitor Clarke replied this is a motion to advertise a public hearing for June 24, 2015, which meets all advertising and notice requirements.

Ms. Lehmann was opposed to the motion.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Ordinance No. 3000 – Ordinance to Amend Chapter 98, Housing Standards, Section 98-2.A – Amendments to Standards

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to advertise a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 3000 for Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Purpose of the hearing is to amend Chapter 98-2.A., PM-303.8 – Storage, parking, abandonment or keeping of any licensed or unlicensed motor vehicles, watercraft, trailer or any parts thereof shall not be permitted on any lawn, grass or right-of-way area.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Gillespie asked for the Board's support on this ordinance.

Commissioner Luker thanked the Commissioners and Township staff who worked on this ordinance as it is overdue.

Commissioner Zappone commented that he received quite a few calls about this ordinance and he questioned what will be done for residents who have small driveways with no parking on the street.

Mr. Matteo replied staff of the Code Enforcement Department will work with residents on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Schreiber clarified that, if there is a violation, there will be a certain amount of time to fix the problem. Is that correct?

Mr. Matteo replied that is correct.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Ordinance No. 2096 – To Amend Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III – (“Parking Regulations”). Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2096 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones).

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2096**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”  
ARTICLE III – “PARKING REGULATIONS”  
SECTION 28 – “SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING ZONES”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Abington is a Township of the First Class, duly organized and existing pursuant to the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Abington Township Code (“Code”) at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 1502.10 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56510, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to take all needful means for securing the safety of persons or property within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 1502.49 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56549, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to regulate parking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III – “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones,” should be amended for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof.



NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN as follows:

1. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 – “Special Purpose Parking Zones,” shall be amended to add the following restriction:


Name of Highway	Authorized Purpose of Vehicle	Location
Tyson Avenue	Handicapped Parking	In front of 880 Tyson Avenue


2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 14th day of MAY, 2015.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

  
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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By:   
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Wayne Luker, President

Ordinance No. 2099 – To Amend Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III – (“Parking Regulations”), Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping or Standing” and Section 28 - (Special Purpose Parking Zones)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise Ordinance No. 2099 amending Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III – (“Parking Regulations”), Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping or Standing” and Section 28 - (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on June 11, 2015.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Acceptance of Bid for Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to authorize Township officials to award bid to Witmer Public Safety Group of Coatesville, PA for purchase of eighty (80) NFPA 1981-2013 compliant MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Witmer’s bid amount is \$451,040.00.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

PAL Building Site Approval

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to support Crestmont Park as the future location of the Abington PAL Activity Building for fundraising purposes. Final approval of the use will be dependent on zoning and land use approvals, the financial viability of the project, community support, and the execution of a ground lease agreement with the Township. The exact location of any building on the property will be determined after fundraising targets are attainable and additional input is received from surrounding residents and the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Myers said due to her association with PAL, she will recuse herself from voting on this item.

Commissioner Hecker commented that he received an email from Cakky Evans, who indicated that the EAC offered their services in terms of building, planning and design of the actual structure.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lew Klein, 1475 Hampton Road, said he is the President and Founder of the Abington Police Athletic League, and former Chairman of the Philadelphia Police Athletic League where he spent 50+ years with the Philadelphia PAL.

We have been operating PAL for 14 years in Abington Township and have moved from one place to another because we have no permanent location, and we feel the time is right to have a permanent, long-term location for Abington PAL.

In doing that, we will be able to have a five or six day a week program where currently we only operate on Friday and Saturday evenings. We serve 450 boys and girls and we need this permanent fulltime facility. We provide safe, fun and free activities and there is never a charge to any young person who participates in PAL.

There will be no Township money involved and the Board of Directors has assured us they will raise the money not only for construction of the building, but to sustain the operation of the building and we are taking on that responsibility now as we have for the past 14 years and in the future.

He met with Commissioner Kline to answer his questions about the future of this facility and agreed that this is something that we should move forward with. He appreciates Commissioner Kline's support and interest as well as the Board of Commissioners' support as this will be a wonderful gift for the youth of Abington Township in the years ahead. He also thanked the Board for allowing him to tell them the feeling of the members of the Police Athletic League.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that she believes the concept is sound and the work that they do is wonderful, but she does not believe that Township funds should be involved because the Township purchased the land that will be used only for PAL, and she is opposed to doing it this way.

Commissioner Kline commented that Lew Klein answered all of his questions and he now he has a much better understanding of the vision of the organization behind PAL and their efforts to get this off of the ground and have it move forward.

Commissioner Schreiber asked does Philadelphia PAL own their building, and if so, where is it located?

Mr. Klein replied Philadelphia PAL owns just two buildings, but there are 18 centers that operate in Philadelphia, and we use school facilities and recreation department facilities. We feel it would not be wise to operate in one location because the demographics in Philadelphia change, so therefore, it is necessary to move to different neighborhoods as required. Because the crime rate in Philadelphia is measurable, we are able to say that when a PAL center is operating in a certain area that did not have one there previously, they can measure the reduction of crime especially amongst teenagers.

Commissioner Bowman commented that he supports PAL, but perhaps it is time to consider development of a community center in this area to be used for residents of the entire Township, and he certainly would approve expenditure of funds for it.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Proposal Submitted by Rudolph Clarke

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Markman to approve proposal submitted by Rudolph Clarke to represent the Township in the State Court action filed by the owners of the Colonade at a rate of \$225 per hour.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline said since he is retained by the property owner to do architectural work, he will recuse himself from voting on this item.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, said she was opposed to the motion.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for April 2015, \$11,529,200 was collected in Real Estate Taxes; which was an increase over prior year in the amount of \$4,846,455; YTD \$22,112,407. 84% has been collected year-to-date with a balance of 16% to be collected.

Monies received from various departments and deposited into Republic Bank was in the amount of \$3,937,976, which was an increase over prior year in the amount of \$409,398; YTD \$7,729,765, which was an increase over prior year in the amount of \$1,028,455.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages:

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the March expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,896,256.27 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,765,220.09.
- (B) Authorize proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of June 2015.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 15-0.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for March 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$3,450.18, respectively.

Three-month expenses totaled \$9,386.22.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of March as previously circulated to the Board.

March Petty Cash balances previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2015 were \$643.78 and (\$0.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2015 were \$41.18 and (\$0.00), respectively.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Eugene Finnegan, Roy Avenue, expressed concern about work done in the Township by outside contractors digging trenches and then do not put the road back the way it is supposed to be.

Commissioner Kline replied when the water company works on water mains filling trenches, they put a topping on those trenches and it needs to sit for a period of time so the ground can settle. Then they will come back at a later date and put the face down and compact the soil of the trench line. They also coordinate with staff of Public Works Department for repaving a lane width around the trench.

Mr. Finnegan expressed concern that the roads were torn up in the wintertime.

Commissioner Hecker replied Aqua has been back out there over the last seven to 10 days to stabilize the work that was done and those streets are scheduled for an overlay this summer.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she still does not have information about the roads. Also, that she feels there is a conflict of interest through the process, and additionally, about the amount of hours and dollars she spent to review records. Also, she feels the solicitors in her neighborhood are a concern.

Mark Penecale, resident of Ward 14, commented that last weekend, there was a carnival at Crestmont Park hosted by the Roslyn Boys and Girls Club and he thanked Fire Marshal Clark and members of the Roslyn Fire Company who supplied traffic safety for the event as well as Special Police Officers, Doug Wendell and Commissioner Luker for their support.

Commissioner Myers noted that there was a time in this Township when there was a paving schedule for roads, which were beautifully paved and then the utility companies would come in cut into the newly paved road and leave a terrible patch. It took a long time and Township staff worked very hard on coordinating the utility company's schedule with the Township, which resulted in beautifully paved roads. The Aqua work needs to be done as they are replacing mains for the Township so we always have water and we always end up with a nicely paved road.

**REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Bowman explained that Penn State would like to have student apartment housing on Rt. 611 and that is what will be discussed on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and it will be a public forum to express their views.

Commissioner DiPlacido thanked Fire Marshal Clark for the astounding job that he and the only accredited Volunteer Fire Company in the State of Pennsylvania did in his neighborhood a few weeks ago in the McKinley section where the McKinley Fire Company as well as the Abington Fire Company and also a group from Jenkintown put out a small fire in record time.

Not only was the fire put out quickly, but Fire Marshal Clark spent some time with the homeowner giving advice on what steps to take next and gave the homeowner a file with information and he really comforted the homeowner.

He also thanked a neighbor/friend of his in the area, who is a contractor, who came out at 2:00 a.m. to board up windows of the home.

Also, school is almost out for the summer, so "while driving through Abington, please drive like your kids live here."

Commissioner Farren congratulated the GYAC for their incredible opening day on April 11<sup>th</sup>, which was truly a community event.

He announced that the Copper Beech Fair will take place this coming Saturday, which is another incredible event for our collective community.

Similarly, Saint Joseph the Protector will be having their Field Day on June 10<sup>th</sup> getting the community involved.

Also, he thanked Mr. Matteo, Mr. Micciolo and all Township staff for their assistance with a few issues in Ward 12.

Commissioner Gillespie thanked Deputy Chief Livingood, Officer Roger Gillespie and Fire Marshal Clark for attending a neighborhood meeting as well as the members of the Weldon Fire Company for allowing us to use their room for the meeting.

She also thanked Police Officers Dwyer and Zeoli for their assistance recently.

She also thanked Mr. Matteo and Code Enforcement staff for their work on property management.

Also, "Keep the Parade Running" event was the best this year and we raised almost enough to pay for the fireworks, and she thanked everyone who supported the event that honors her late husband, Mike Gillespie's memory.

Commissioner Hecker thanked Officer Jen Doyle for attending the Overlook Elementary May Fair event and for putting on an outstanding demonstration for the children and their families. She is an awesome ambassador for the Police Department and he is not only proud to have her on the force, but proud to say she is a neighboring resident of Ward 10.

He thanked Mr. Wendell for his assistance in getting the recycling containers at Roychester Park.

He also thanked staff of the Engineering Department and Tim Clark for their work to expedite stormwater drainage projects in Brentwood.

He also thanked Traffic Safety Officer Freed and Mr. Larry Matteo for their assistance with a community meeting recently held in regards to parking and traffic safety issues.



Commissioner Jones thanked staff of Code Enforcement Department and Traffic Safety Officer Freed for attending a community meeting to look at existing issues with the shopping center and to discuss any potential future issues.

He sent a special shout out to the "Aging At Home" Program that helps senior citizens live independently in their homes and they are doing great work.

He also thanked Mr. Wrigley for his assistance with an issue in his ward.

He thanked Mr. Wendell for making sure we will be getting trash cans at Forrest and Fox Chase.

Commissioner Kline wished "Good Luck" to two teams; the Senior High School Team and the Rydal Elementary Team from the Abington School District that will compete in the world competition for "Odyssey of the Mind." His daughter went to the world competition last year in Iowa, and this year, they are going to Michigan. Commissioner Zappone thanked Mr. Micciolo and Mr. Pontelandolfo for taking care of the large depression on Spear Avenue.

Also, we will be hosting our Second Annual Ardsley Family Day Yard Sale throughout the community on June 6, 2015.

Commissioner Spiegelman thanked Mr. Wendell for his assistance recently.

He also thanked Mr. Micciolo and staff of the Public Works Department as well as staff of Code Enforcement Department for their assistance with property maintenance issues.

Also, the Copper Beech May Fair is this coming weekend, but he will be coaching a 6<sup>th</sup> grade team for the 24-Hour Relay Challenge.

May 19<sup>th</sup> is Primary Election Day and he reminded everyone to vote. On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring the memories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in order for us to have the right to vote and all other freedoms we enjoy.

Commissioner Sanchez reminded everyone that work continues on the Abington Township Master Bicycle Plan and we will be having public meeting number two on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m.

Commissioner Myers reminded everyone that May is Stroke Awareness Month and she urged everyone to learn the signs of a stroke.

Commissioner Markman commented that there are local share grants that the Township is eligible for, and Assistant Township Wehmeyer applied for it last year and the Township was awarded a \$200,000 grant for the Noble Train Station area. The grants are slated for reuse, revitalization and redevelopment of land for economic development. So if there are any projects, those share grants can be applied for in June.

Commissioner Kalinoski announced that the 24-Hour Relay Challenge is this coming weekend and he cannot wait until Sunday to hear that we are the champions.

On Memorial Day, everyone is invited to the service at the VFW on Jenkintown Road at 11 a.m. followed by lunch.

Commissioner Schreiber announced that on Memorial Day at 11 a.m. the parade begins in Roslyn followed by lunch at the Roslyn VFW.

Also, this coming Saturday is the Roslyn Elementary Spring Fair.

Commissioner Luker thanked all Township staff for their assistance to the Board of Commissioners.

He also thanked Mr. Wendell for the playground enhancements and to the staff of the Public Works, Code Enforcement and Engineering Departments for their assistance.

Also, please participate in the Memorial Day celebrations, and VFW Post 3398 in Willow Grove just appointed a new Commander, retired Detective Sergeant Will Holt. He thanked the surrounding VFW's for supporting the VFW Post 3398 as they struggled to get reorganized and he knows Mr. Holt will do an excellent job in that capacity.

He wished everyone a "Happy Memorial Day."

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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*Approved*  
*June 11, 2015*

