

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADDITIONAL STATED MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007

The Additional Stated Meeting of Monday, March 26, 2007 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Frank Greco. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Greco		Mrs. Martinelli
Mr. Wilson	Mr. Padula	Ms. Fialla

Mrs. Conrad presented the 2007 Woodland Hills Progress Citizen of the Year Award to the members of the Wilkins Township Century Club.

- (7-76) MOVED PADULA-WILSON to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2007, with one correction: Under Commissioner Comments, comments credited to Mrs. Martinelli were actually made by Ms. Fialla. The motion was adopted by a four to one vote with Mrs. Martinelli abstaining.

Communications:

Senator Jay Costa, Jr., 1501 Ardmore Boulevard, Forest Hills, PA 15221 congratulated Mrs. Martinelli and the Wilkins Township Century Club for their receipt of the 2007 Citizen of the Year Award from the Woodland Hills Progress.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. James Graf of 708 Thompson Street thanked Mrs. Martinelli for her help in taking care of the abandoned vehicle on his street and other neighborhood property maintenance issues.

- (7-77) MOVED MARTINELLI-WILSON to appoint Mr. Melvin Brandon of 422 Clugston Avenue to the Recreation Advisory Board for the term of March 2007 through December 31, 2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (7-78) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to appoint Ms. Erin Greco of 535 Lucia Drive to the Wilkins Township Planning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Mr. Joseph Terry through December 31, 2010. The motion was adopted by a four to one vote with Mr. Greco abstaining.
- (7-79) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to amend the by-laws, Article I, Section 1 and Article IV, Section 2. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (7-80) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to approve the request of Chief Guthrie to attend the Chiefs of Police Education and Training Conference in King of Prussia from July 8th – 12th at a cost of \$575.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (7-81) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to table action on the recommendation of Mr. Vargo to restrict parking on Wilbur Avenue in both directions until the Chief has had an opportunity to speak with the resident who will be affected by the restriction. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (7-82) MOVED FIALLA-WILSON to accept the recommendation of Mr. McKeever, Engineer, awarding the 2007 Street Paving Project to the low-bidder, Victor Paving in the amount of \$389,129.55, contingent upon Mr. Jay Quaid of Senate being the fulltime inspector on the job. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-83) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to table the quotation submitted by Ms. Jacqueline Hochard of “Go Faux It” for the painting of the Township logo on the wall behind the Commissioners’ seats until the sound system panels are purchased and in place. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Prior to Commissioners’ comments, Mrs. Bradley addressed the Board. As the Board is aware, Mrs. Bradley was recently advised that the Penn Center site will not be available this year for Community Days due to the pending sale of the property. She has, however, received verbal permission from both the current owner (National Amusements) of the Showcase Cinema site as well as the potential new owner of the site to hold Community Days there. Obviously, there are a lot of considerations that still must be made, but at this point, it appears that we will hold Community Days this year. It is also probable that this will be the last year that the township has a Community Days of this magnitude, due to the space requirements necessary to hold the event. It is highly likely that the Showcase site will be in full development by next year.

Mr. Padula congratulated Mrs. Martinelli and the Century Club for their efforts and their receipt of the 2007 Citizen of the Year Award. He mentioned that he has noticed that a number of the properties in the Acres that had for sale signs are either being sold or are under contract. Also, stated that he had done some investigating of the new stop signs that were installed and is questioning the need for seven of these recently installed signs, specifically the following: Elizabeth at Rita; Delaney at Dunbar; Negley at Highland; Negley at Curry; Stevendale at Alpine; Semmens at McMasters and Penhurst at Braddsley.

It was agreed by all Board members that over the next two weeks, they will develop lists of stop signs that they believe should be removed and signs that they believe need to be added for Chief Guthrie’s review and recommendation. Based upon the Chief’s recommendations, the ordinance will be amended.

Commissioner Padula also stated that the water on Delaney near the home that had mine water problems is flowing excessively again. Mr. Vargo stated that he is aware of the situation and believes that it is tied to a blocked residential line. Commissioner Padula also stated that the 15 volunteer fire departments within the Woodland Hills School District have been meeting for about eight months now to work on recruitment and retention issues. To that end, the group has been successful in receiving a \$10,000. grant for that purpose. The funds will be used to prepare a video highlighting volunteer fire companies within the district that will be passed out to new residents of the district. Each fire department has been asked to have one truck at the High School this Saturday at 11:30 for the photo shoot.

Commissioner Fialla requested that Mrs. Bradley submit a letter to the Soffers thanking them for their permission to utilize the Penn Center site for Community Days past. She also congratulated the Century Club on their receipt of the 2007 Citizen of the Year Award and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Martinelli thanked Mr. Vargo for his help with the resolution of the recent complaints on Thompson Street and thanked Chief Guthrie for taking care of the abandoned vehicle. Also commented about a vehicle that has been on Negley for a long time with a for-sale sign and requested that the Chief check into it. Mrs. Martinelli is very concerned about this area of the community. Mrs. Martinelli also reminded the Board and those present at the meeting that the Century Club Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Municipal Building on April 22nd from 2:00 – 7:00 PM. She further thanked the other Commissioners for their congratulatory remarks regarding the Century Club’s award and stated that the Recreation Advisory Board will hold the children’s Easter Party at the Elks on Saturday, March 31st.

Mr. Wilson congratulated Chief Guthrie on his request to receive additional training. He stated that it is good that the Chief, who has the opportunity to retire this May, plans to continue his education. He addressed Officer Kemp who was present in the audience and thanked him for his interest and continued attendance and further advised him that this Board of Commissioners always welcomes requests by employees for additional training. Mr. Wilson congratulated the Century Club for their award and also reminded the Chief that with the approach of Spring weather, it is now time to start speed details.

Commissioner Greco thanked the Century Club for all of the hard work that they do for the community and reminded the Board that the twelve municipalities that make up the Woodland Hills School District will be holding their next meeting this Wednesday (March 28th) at the Westinghouse Recreation Center in Forest Hills and believes these meetings are extremely advantageous to all of the communities. Anytime that the municipalities can come together and share ideas and maybe share costs, all of us win. The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, April 9, 2007 beginning at 7:00 PM.

(7-84) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary