

January 4, 2016

Pursuant to legal notice, which appeared in *The Times Herald*, the reorganization meeting and work session of the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township was convened at 7:00 p.m. on the above date by Jason Bobst, Township Manager. In addition to Mr. Bobst, present were Commissioners Panzullo, Donoghue and Tolbert and Commissioners-Elect Kennedy and McKenzie, Christen Pionzio, Esquire, Kathy Frederick, A. Dale Mabry, Michael Kelly, Michael Valyo, Jon Dzedzy . There were 31 people in the audience.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting continued.

**Oath of Office** The Honorable Margaret Hunsicker, District Justice, presided over the swearing in ceremonies.

Brian J. Kennedy presented his Certificate of Election for Commissioner of West Norriton Township and the Oath of Office was administered by Justice Hunsicker.

Upon presentation of his Certificate of Election for Commissioner of West Norriton Township, David C. McKenzie, III was administered the Oath of Office by Justice Hunsicker.

Justice Hunsicker congratulated the newly-elected officials and thanked the Board for the honor of presiding.

**Election of President and Vice President** Mr. Bobst requested nominations for the office of President of the Board of Commissioners. On motion of Mr. Tolbert, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy, Ralph Panzullo was nominated. There being no other nominations, upon a unanimous vote, Mr. Panzullo was elected President.

Upon the request of Mr. Panzullo for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board, Mr. Tolbert nominated Mr. Donoghue, which nomination was seconded by Mr. McKenzie. There being no other nominations, upon a unanimous vote, Mr. Donoghue was elected Vice President.

**Public Comment** There being no public comment offered, on motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously passed, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

**Appointments of Township Personnel** By unanimous vote of the Board, Township personnel were retained in their current positions. A copy of the list of Appointments of Township Personnel is attached.

**Appointments to Boards & Commissions** The Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to appoint the individuals indicated on the attached list of Appointments to Boards and Commissions to the positions indicated thereon.

**Ratification  
of Contract**

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously approved, the contract of the Mr. Bobst as Township Manager was ratified.

Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously approved, the reorganization portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. Bobst opened the work session portion of the meeting by requesting public comment on the Preliminary Land Development Application by VRJ Associates for a sport complex at Westover Country Club.

**Public Comment**

William Kerr, Esquire, advised the Board that he was the attorney for the West Norriton United group, parties to the litigation. Mr. Kerr expressed concerns over the intensity of the use and stated that the intended use should be a zoning issue. Also, Mr. Kerr suggested that the type of use proposed is completely different than the current use and that which is contemplated by the provisions of the RE district and in violation of the Deed Restriction on the property.

Helene Estes of 533 Canterbury stated that she takes issue with the deed restriction being a separate issue than the current preliminary land development application. Ms. Estes further noted that open space is an essential component of all districts, and that the proposed development would injure and detract from the neighborhood. A vote of "no" on behalf of the residents and taxpayers was requested of the Board by Ms. Estes.

Nancy Collier, 1962 Brandon Road, advised the Board that she has been a proud resident of the Township for over forty-three (43) years and that she is representing the seniors in this Community. Ms. Collier expressed her belief that the approval of the land development application will destroy the neighborhood, and addressed the deed restriction by inquiring why we have contracts and deeds if not to enforce them. Also, Ms. Collier stated that the developers do not reside here and will not be impacted by the approval of this application, and requested that the Board not be influenced by one person's interest. Additionally, Ms. Collier thanked the staff for their time and efforts and applauded the Recreation Department for their youth and senior programs in the Township.

L. James Watters, III, 1 E. Indian Lane, commented "Ditto to Nancy". According to Mr. Watters, the poor condition of Port Indian Road is an indication of how the owners of Westover do and will treat the residents of West Norriton and suggested that something be done now to force VRJ to cure the deficiencies in the drainage which cause severe problems to the roadways at Port Indian.

Kelly Ewing, 423 Brandon Road, addressed the Board and stated that he and his wife are new residents to the Township, having just purchased their home here four (4) months ago, and that he is looking forward to his retirement in a nice, peaceful, quiet, safe community which the proposed development of Westover does not seem to suggest.

Mary Ellen Moran of 714 Pt. Indian Road stated that there is a lot of water runoff and that she has watched the road literally wash down the street. Ms. Moran inquired about the plan for correction of this problem both now and after land development.

Jim Garr, 131 Avondale, inquired about the Township's responsibility for the improvements of this property. To that Ms. Pionzio replied that the Township does not maintain private property.

There being no more public comment offered, upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously approved, the public comment portion of the work session was closed.

It was announced by Mr. Bobst that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners scheduled for January 12, 2016 would be held in the cafeteria of the Norristown Area High School due to space constraints at the Township building.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:20 p.m., on motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously passed, the work session was adjourned.

Kathy K. Frederick  
Assistant Secretary

