

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 29, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at the Bucks County Courthouse, Commissioners 5th floor Conference Room, Doylestown, PA, for the purpose of considering a grant application for use of pass through gaming funds by Penndel Borough. In attendance were Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Chairman, Commissioner James F. Cawley and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Commissioner Martin opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Martin announced that the meeting will be recorded to allow audio playback on the County's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Heffelfinger, Council Member from Penndel Borough, spoke of the attempts to develop the downtown area of Penndel. Ms. Heffelfinger advised the Commissioners that in December of 2009, Septa will be coming in to completely redo the Langhorne/Penndel Train Station. She described the hazardous condition of Park Avenue and stated that it is a necessity that it be repaired due to its proximity to the Train Station. She also described an increase in traffic through this main intersection of Penndel.

Commissioner Martin thanked Ms. Heffelfinger and explained that the Commissioners are voting only to pass this application along and that the Redevelopment Authority would be evaluating each application. Commissioner Cawley further stated that there is a finite amount of money available and a great number of applicants competing for the funds.

Carol Schuehler of Urwiler & Walter, and the Penndel Borough Engineer was also present and spoke of her involvement in the redevelopment of Penndel Borough. Ms. Schuehler described that this particular area of Park Avenue is the viewpoint of Penndel that Septa commuters see. She stated that she is anxious to tackle this project and thanked the Commissioners for their consideration.

Commissioner Cawley commented that the requested amount of funds is \$205,806.00, but the total cost of the project is \$514,516.00 and wanted to know where the additional funds were coming from to complete the project. Ms. Heffelfinger stated that they have applied for a grant with Congressman Murphy as part of the Transportation Initiative, but have not yet received a response. She further stated that she and Ms. Schuehler, along with other Engineers, reviewed the work to be done and decided that \$205,806.00 represents the bare bones necessities that need to be done to make the road passable and presentable if they do not receive the other grant money. In response to Mr. Cawley's inquiry, Ms. Heffelfinger stated that additional funds would come from local property owners to pay for the curbs and sidewalks.

Lynn Bush, Director of the Planning Commission, commended Penndel Officials for their efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Bucks County Board of Commissioners upon the recommendation of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, approve the following:

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority on behalf of Penndel Borough Bristol, PA	Approve grant application for use of pass through gaming funds for capital projects and public improvements by Penndel Borough.	

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only.
** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, Acting Chief Clerk