

PRESENT: Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; John P. McBlain, Council Member; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Edward O'Lone, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of May 24, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Michael Karpyn, of Wallingford and a Marple Newtown School District teacher. Barbara Nicolardi, Planner, Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to start today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase two (2) Chevrolet 15-Passenger Vans from Whitmoyer Auto Group for the Sheriff's Department, under COSTARS Contract No. 026-054, at a price not to exceed \$61,400.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 8 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Resolution 2017-5 approving the Revised Civil and Criminal Court Fee Schedule for the Office of Judicial Support. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Items 8 through 10.

Ms. Hill said Item 8 is for the approval to allow Naaman's Creek Limited Partnership to reorganize its ownership structure and to authorize Enterprise Homes to acquire the project. It is known as Park View at Naaman's Creek, which is an affordable housing development for seniors located in Boothwyn. The County has an outstanding loan with the partnership in the amount of \$1.5 million. It was financed through the Federal Home and Community Development Block Grant Program back in 1997. All other terms and conditions would remain the same for this project.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to transfer Ownership Interest, Property Management Agreement and all responsibilities with respect to Park View at Naaman's Creek from Shelter

Development, LLC to Enterprise Property Management. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hill said Item 9 is a request for approval to submit a Grant Application to PennDOT for the Community Traffic Safety Program. The goal of this project is to *decrease* the number of avoidable deaths and injuries that are associated with traffic related crashes and to reduce the severity of any injuries which would occur. The County would partner with the Delaware County Transportation Management Association to carry out this project.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to apply for the Community Traffic Safety Program Grant from PennDOT in the amount of \$74,423.93. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hill said Item 10 is a request to submit a Grant Application to the PA Community and Economic Development Department for a grant in the amount of \$229,500.00 to provide funding to manufacture and install park signage at several of the county's parks. The grant requires a \$40,500.00 cash match. Increasing the visibility of the county's considerable park system is a goal of the Open Space Recreation and Greenway Plan of Delaware County.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit a Grant Application to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for the Delaware County Parks Signage Grant for the term October 2017 to December 2019 in the amount of \$229,500.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept the Delaware County District Attorney's 2016 JAG Under \$10K Funds Grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the term 4/1/17 to 3/31/18 in the amount of \$47,915.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Contract between the County of Delaware Public Employee's Association, Local 3107 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, District 88 and the County of Delaware for a three (3) year term retroactive 2/8/2017 through 2/7/20. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 13.

Mr. Daly asked for Council's approval of a modification of an existing contract for Regional Workforce Development and the approval of grant funds for the Delaware County Community College for the purchase of Advanced Manufacturing Equipment. No County General Funds will be utilized with the execution of these contracts.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 14.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of five (5) contracts and amendments with the Office of Human Services.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 15, a Resolution recognizing May as Preservation Month and Preservation Awards.

Mrs. Morrone said we all have favorite landmarks that are special to us in Delaware County. Whether it's the Brandywine Battlefield in Chadds Ford, Collen Brook Farm or the Swedish Cabin in Upper Darby, or the old Armory right here in Media, we all have memories of visiting these historic sites and learning what they mean to our county's history.

Today, we are presenting a Resolution recognizing May as Preservation Month, and we are joining the Delaware County Heritage Commission and our Planning Department in recognizing individuals and initiatives that promote and protect our history.

We are very fortunate that our Planning Department, the Heritage Commission, our municipalities and historical societies and individuals work so hard to save and celebrate the historic sites in our county. Preservation is not just about saving history, but rather it's about managing growth, revitalizing towns, fostering local pride and maintaining the vibrant character in all of our neighborhoods.

Mrs. Morrone said Council is pleased to be able to recognize various individuals who are dedicated to preserving Delaware County's landmarks along with the written and verbal history. After the presentation of the Resolution, A. Richard Paul, Chairman of the Delaware County Heritage Commission, will present the 39th Annual Preservation Awards.

A Resolution declaring May as Preservation Month was presented to the members of the Heritage Commission. The Commission consists of all volunteers who meet monthly to coordinate and promote the culture and heritage in Delaware County. The following individuals were recognized: Linda Hill, Director of Planning; Jill McKeown, Associate Planner; A. Richard Paul, Chairman of the Delaware County Heritage Commission.

Mr. Paul introduced the following members of the Heritage Commission who attended this morning's meeting: Judith Anastasi, Jane Carroll, Cyndi Charney, Doug Humes, Barbara Marinelli, Elizabeth McCarrick, Karen Micka and Frank Murnaghan.

Mr. Paul said the Heritage Commission is a volunteer body appointed by County Council with the mission to encourage historical and cultural awareness and preservation within the county. It has been recognizing worthy preservation projects and individuals throughout Delaware County for over 30 years.

The following awards were presented today:

Site Preservation – Adaptive Use

Stephen Finely, Thomas B. Finley & Tricia Finley
The Ballroom at Ellis Preserve, Newtown Township

Publications

Andrew Miller & Michael J. Rounds
Williamson College of the Trades

Special Programs/Projects

Keith Lockhart – *Historic Newspaper Compilation*

Catherine Spahr – *Historic Sites of Newtown Square Interactive Map, Newtown Twp.*

Sharon Reed, Karen Mayer, Linda Fox, Janet Gemsheim & Misti Love – *Colonial Day at Middletown Presbyterian Church, Middletown Twp.*

Judy Anastasi, Norwood Historical Society & Board of Directors – *Norwood Senior History Award, Norwood Borough*

Cyndi Charney & Karen Micka – *An American Life & Times: History Tour of Western Delaware County*

Individual Achievement

Norma M. Winther
Dr. Mead Shaffer

Youth

Michael Karpyn, Brian Isselmann, Marple Newtown High School Students & Social Studies Department - *Marple Newtown High School Centennial Timeline*

On behalf of the Heritage Commission, Mr. Paul thanked Delaware County Council for giving them the opportunity to recognize the importance of historic preservation.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 16, announcing the 2017 Senior Games, June 12-23.

Mr. McBlain said we are fortunate to have a large and very active senior citizen population here in Delaware County. Starting on June 12, we will have the opportunity to cheer on our seniors competing in an Olympic-style competition as part of the Delaware County Senior Games.

Starting on Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 23, residents age 50 and older will compete for gold, silver or bronze in bocce, shuffleboard, bowling, golf, billiards, pickleball, horseshoes, track & field and swimming.

The Senior Games give new meaning to the term "personal best." It's not about the peak time or longest distance but rather about friendship, overcoming obstacles, meeting challenges and staying motivated to keep physically and mentally fit. Last year, we had 648 athletes participate. The oldest was a 100-year old bowler named Sye Brandman, who we hear is returning to compete again this year.

County Council is pleased to sponsor the Senior Games to promote healthy lifestyles through fitness, sports and an active involvement in life. The games are organized by three groups: the Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging, Delaware County Parks and Recreation and the Destination Delco Visitor's Bureau.

Mr. McBlain recognized the following individuals who attended this morning's meeting on behalf of the Senior Games: Co-Chairs - Barbara Nicolardi (Planner, County Office of Services for the Aging and Marc Manfre (Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation) and Athletes - Eugene Alliston (74 of Chester City), Larry Campbell (65 of Ridley Park) and Terri McCabe (58 of Media).

Mr. Manfre thanked County Council for their continued commitment to the Senior Games. This endeavor started about ten years ago with the assistance of Executive Director Marianne Grace. It is a cooperative effort between so many departments in the county, such as Barbara Nicolardi of COSA and her staff, Michael Raith of Adult Probation and our Personnel Department. He also thanked the sponsors of the Senior Games – Always Best Care for Seniors, Bayada Home Health Care, Home Helpers and Main Line Health.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren took a moment to congratulate all the Preservation Award winners but particularly to Dr. Mead Shaffer, a fellow Bethel Township resident. There was some mention in the program of Dr. Shaffer opening his home to the public. Annually, the Historic Preservation Society sponsors tours of that home, which occurred this past weekend. Because it is such a large and beautiful property, they actually added a birdwatching tour, which his family had the opportunity to attend. It was a real treasure. Dr. Shaffer and the Historic Society are treasures to Bethel Township. Congratulations Dr. Shaffer!

Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Petitions for the Voluntary/Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and seven (7) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file two (2) Petitions for the Voluntary/Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and seven (7) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp congratulated all the Historic Preservation Award winners, one of his favorite events when they come in and we get see the good work they do throughout the year. He wished everyone good luck in the Senior Games and hopefully no one gets hurt. He extended his thanks to Marc Manfre, Tore Fiore, Michael Raith, Barbara Nicolardi and everyone in their departments for putting this event together. It takes a tremendous effort and teamwork.

Lastly, Mr. Culp wished everyone a happy Memorial Day weekend and asked that we remember all the people in the Armed Services who have and do fight for our freedom.

Mr. McBlain echoed Mr. Culp's comments and congratulate our honorees. There are many great projects and people who have become very important in our historical movement, like Keith Lockhart who does an absolutely tremendous job of putting things on Facebook and social media such as posting some fascinating pictures or something special to note. The refurbished banquet hall at the Ellis Preserve is tremendous venue with weddings being booked eighteen months in advance for Saturday weddings.

Mr. McBlain said last Saturday, at Rose Tree Park, the annual Operation First Response "Walk for the Wounded" took place. That is always one of the special days of the year. They had a great turnout by the residents of Delaware County as a day to remember and to make sure that the veterans that came home wounded and the family members of veterans who did not

come back are reminded that we do remember and will not forget the contribution that was made.

He also noted that the approval of Agenda Item 10 (Parks and Recreation Signage Project) is another step towards the implementation of our Open Space Parks and Recreation Plan, which Council adopted last year. This was identified by professionals for the county to do better in terms of making the parks better known to the public and to have consistent signage across all the various parks. The county has been very busy on that front since that was adopted last year.

Earlier this year, we opened the Chester Creek Trail and are receiving great reviews. We are now into the Phase II Planning and Engineering for that project. The Darby Creek Trail construction has begun for a one-mile stretch through Upper Darby Township down to the County's park. Little Flower Manor Park continues to evolve with a Master Plan Study in process and we anticipate results back shortly. Our Open Space Task Force has been meeting regularly and we anticipate recommendations from them in the near future. We are very proud of the efforts that have been made for our Open Space Parks and Recreation Plan.

Mrs. Morrone congratulated all those recognized today by the Historical Society for their contributions to preserving Delaware County. Each year, we hear about great things that are happening in the community and ways that Delaware County's history is being preserved. We appreciate those efforts.

As for the Senior Games, we are very excited to have those events starting soon and we look forward to having swimming back into the program lineup. A special thanks to the "Y" for offering their facilities to help coordinate that event.

Mrs. Morrone said the County received \$200,000.00 that will help facilitate Advanced Manufacturing Equipment training at the Delaware County Community College. This is a fabulous way for us to continue to develop the skill levels of our residents here in Delaware County and to get them good quality jobs. Our Workforce Development Board had to apply for those funds by submitting a grant application and that is just recognition of the work that we are doing in our county. Many thanks to John Daly and his staff for all their work in bringing those initiatives to Delaware County.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for attending this morning's meeting. County Council enjoys recognizing everyone on an individual bases and especially recognizing the honorees of the 39th Annual Preservation Awards.

Many thanks to Marc Manfre, his staff and all those individuals who are part of organizing the Delaware County Senior Games.

Let's have a great Memorial Day. It's not just the beginning of summer or a day off but rather a day to recognize the people who make the ultimate sacrifice and to salute our veterans and all that participate in the Armed Forces of the United States.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Culp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk