

**Police Citizens Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2017**  
**6:00pm**

The meeting was held at the Upper Merion Township Building, Henderson Room, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406, and was called to order by the Police Citizens Advisory Board Chairperson, Jennifer Schauble.

**I. ADMINISTRATION**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lieutenant Paul Cooper, Captain Chris Bird, Bill Jenaway, Elizabeth Jenaway, Gina LaMarra, Jeff McCabe, Officer Harry Nuskey, Judie Nuskey, Jennifer Rae, Jennifer Schauble, LaVera Seymour

**ABSENT:**

Frank Rodrique

Pledge of Allegiance

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

The motion was made to approve the November 2016 meeting minutes by Jeff McCabe. The motion was seconded by Judie Nuskey. The motion carried.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairperson: Jennifer Schuable was nominated by Jeff McCabe and seconded by Jennifer Rae. The motion carried

Vice Chairperson: Judie Nuskey was nominated by Jeff McCabe and seconded by Jennifer Schuable. The motion carried.

Secretary: Gina LaMarra was nominated by Jeff McCabe and seconded by Jennifer Schuable. The motion carried.

**B. GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Captain Chris Bird discussed the oral interview process. They are going to hire 1-3 more police officers and already hired 4 police officers. There is a written exam, the top 75 scores were considered based on physical agility test, first oral interview and then they decide how many to assign as detective with background checks. There were 20-30 viable candidates. Final candidates have to take a polygraph test and the charge is per candidate. Then they will get a conditional offer of employment.

Lieutenant Paul Cooper discussed the Lockheed Martin interview position. Lockheed Martin wants to staff their facility with full time police officers. They are paid for a 40 hour work week. Lockheed pays for their salary and benefits, fully outfitted police car, equipment in the car. They offered to pay for everything, including uniforms and allowances. They would like one full time police officer as a primary Lockheed officer, and a secondary designated officer, who will fill in when the primary officer is on vacation. They will have a top secret background check and will be primarily based out of the Goddard facility. Two officers are interested in the position but none have been selected yet. They will be used for work force violence, and the protection of high end dignitaries visiting from Washington, D.C. The position is open to anyone with a minimum of four years experience. It cost Lockheed Martin \$15,000 for a top secret clearance. Lockheed Martin would like a 2 year commitment and possibly extend the position to 1-2 additional substitute officers who would need a top secret security clearance, as well. They would have full access to the building. If three officers were not available, it would be ok to staff someone with out a security clearance temporarily. If there is an event the Upper Merion Police Department can still pull an officer to staff the event and the officers that

work at Lockheed Martin will still be part of the Upper Merion Police Department. They will report to duty at the Upper Merion Township Building at 7am and report back at the end of their shift. Armory was offered by Lockheed Martin but declined. Lockheed has this program on the west coast, as well. Several officers have expressed interest in this position.

Lieutenant Paul Cooper then discussed the Community Policing Unit. Officer Harry Nuskey retires in January. He heads the Community policing. The current traffic safety unit is composed of four officers. They look into traffic accidents, serious and fatal accidents. One year ago they discussed how to better use man power while meeting with a local neighborhood group discussing traffic related issues to a new business coming into the community. They decided to merge together the units so they could respond quickly on complaints and build relationships with the residents to address community issues. The traffic safety unit officers deal with community issues. The traffic safety sergeant would head the Community Oriented Police Division and would take Officer Harry Nuskey's position. They are also looking to add another person next year; to have a total of 3 people for traffic related issues, neighborhood complaints and educational programs. The traffic safety sergeant would pull people to go to community groups. They would reorganize the unit. Jeff Mauer would be the liaison between the police and CAB, in October sergeant Glen Munster will come aboard, and in January Joe Davies, also possibly Chris Dolga if approved. This will not affect the K-9 unit and they are not sure if the dog will stay with the community unit or will stay with the cop unit.

Jeff McCabe and Jennifer Rae discussed the Police Citizens Advisory Board getting more involved with the Police Departments newsletter to inform the community of activities or programs for the police.

Officer Harry Nuskey discussed how residents message the police force on Facebook, and helped solve the Wawa assault. They receive a lot of emails sent directly through Facebook.

Officer Harry Nuskey discussed a few upcoming events. On October 11th there will be a Fire Demo with the bike and K-9 unit at the Giant supermarket off of Henderson Road. There will be no table but the attendees can go to the police officers vehicle to with questions. On October 28th there will be a drug take back open to all municipalities.

Bill Jenaway discussed providing information to the community at the next Board of Supervisors meeting about theft to unlocked vehicles happening all over this region.

He also discussed rezoning in Upper Merion Township and allowing a mixed use district, and rezoning, allowance of certain size houses, height and denseness of buildings and types of houses permitted will help control congestion in Upper Merion Township and control the growth. Also, he discussed how the large work population in Upper Merion Township will affect the police unit staffing plan.

Bill Jenaway indicated that GlaxoSmithKline is restructuring. They are separating the old property to go for sale under another developer. The laboratories will remain with GalaxoSmithKlein and the other building will be sold off to someone else. The developers are looking at viable parcels and traffic issues. Bill met with three residential developers over the past few years to discuss this issue and found that ways around the traffic will send you to a residential development. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is working on this issue. The Board of Supervisors gets a lot of requests for traffic calming devices "speed humps", but Bill suggested a better method of residents monitoring their own streets. Additionally, Jeff McCabe commented on traffic congestion and new apartments being built.

Jennifer Schauble made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by LaVera Seymour and carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Gina LaMarra  
Secretary, Police Citizens Advisory Board