

Police Citizens Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
7:00pm

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:

Captain Chris Bird, Howard Hoffman, Bill Jenaway, Elizabeth Jenaway, Gina LaMarra, Officer Harry Nuskey, Judie Nuskey, Jennifer Rae, Frank Rodrique, Jennifer Schauble, Officer Glenn Muntzer, Sergeant Jay Johnson, Officer Michael Loane

ABSENT:

Jeff McCabe, LaVera Seymour

Pledge of Allegiance

OLD BUSINESS:

The motion was made to approve the September 12, 2017 meeting minutes by Jennifer Rae and seconded by Frank Rodrique. The motion carried.

Officer Chris Bird indicated that a new officer, Andrew Kohler joined Upper Merion Township's Police Department on Thursday. There is another officer in the Police Academy currently and two more who are in the process of being hired. They will be hired next year as a Lockheed Resource Officer and for the Community Oriented Police Unit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Howard Hoffman discussed rebranding Upper Merion Township's logo to make it consistent for all organizations and to modernize it. Each township entity would use this logo. This will change on the patches on the police uniforms, vehicles, Facebook and Twitter accounts. It is not in the planning phases, yet but he expects to organize a sub committee. Bill Jenaway indicated that the budget is anticipated for 2018-2019.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Officer Glenn Muntzer introduced himself to the board members. He will be the new Police Citizens Advisory Board liaison in 2018, after Officer Harry Nuskey retires. He has worked for Upper Merion Township for 22 years and will head the Community Oriented Policing Unit. Four new officers are to fill Officer Harry Nuskey's position. Two new police officers will begin in January 2018 and another one in March.

Jay Johnson will replace Captain Chris Bird in 2018. He has been working for the township for 17 years and is the Investigation Sergeant.

Michael Loane introduced himself to the board. He is an Upper Merion High School graduate and also Penn State graduate. He graduated the Police Academy in 2016 and has been with Upper Merion Township's Police Department for 11 months.

Officer Chris Bird and Harry Nuskey provided the results of the Drug Take Back Program. Upper Merion Township collected 344 pounds of medication in the RX box in the lobby of the Township Building. The total for Montgomery County was 8,000 pounds. The District Attorney's office will hold this event twice a year, in April and October.

Jennifer Schauble advised the board of the 2018 meeting dates: January 9th, April 10th, September 11th and November 13th, as noted on the meeting agenda.

Bill Jenaway discussed the budget presented to the Board of Supervisors by Chief Nolan. It will be presented to the public by the Board of Supervisors at Thursday's meeting. It will be posted and allow 30 days for modifications. But, they anticipate full funding of the new Community Oriented Police Unit.

Bill Jenaway also indicated that they have begun re-organizing the structure of the local government, which has not changed in 32 years. For example, the Assistant Manager is going to be in charge of IT, the library, and Parks and Rec. This is to improve operations and success in planning. It may come in three or four waves.

Howard Hoffman's team is to take the lead on a community survey that each board would be involved in.

Jennifer Schauble called the meeting to adjournment. The motion was carried.

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