

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD ORGANIZATION MEETING

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in the Henderson Room of the Township Building on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chief Nolan.

Roll call of members showed all members present except for Ed Mehalick.

Elections

Chief Nolan was designated as temporary chair and requested nominations for the position of Chairperson. Jen Schauble was nominated as Chairperson. Upon proper motion, second and vote, she was approved as Chairperson and she led the rest of the meeting. Chairperson Schauble requested nominations for Vice-Chair and Secretary. Francis Schultz was nominated as Vice Chair and Bill Gittins was nominated as Secretary. Upon proper motion, second and vote, they were approved for their respective positions.

Scope of the PSCAB

Chief Nolan provided a Public Safety Organizational Chart and gave an overview of the current status of the department. He also led a discussion on the objectives of the new Public Safety Citizens Advisory Board.

Recommendations

Jen Schauble recommended that there be an education process about the three prior boards (Police CAB, Lafayette Ambulance and the Fire & Rescue Service Board) at a future meeting. This will be scheduled at a future meeting.

Francis Shultz recommended that ride-alongs and site visits would help the new members to better understand public safety. These recommendations were accepted and a mechanism will be put in place to allow this to happen.

Supervisor Jenaway recommended that the next meeting include a briefing on the status of upcoming developments in the Township. This will be scheduled at a future meeting.

Bill Gittins recommended that an email list be established for better communication among the members. (To be sent with the minutes)

Chief Nolan also promised to provide better communication on upcoming public safety events so that the members of the PSCAB can take part. He mentioned

that the first event will be a Smoke Alarm Blitz in Swedesburg on April 27, 2019 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Interested members of the PSCAB can sign up at www.SoundTheAlarm.org/EasternPA. Chief Nolan asks that any PSCAB member planning to support this event, please notify Melissa Guzewicz via email also. She can be reached at Melissa.Guzewicz@hibu.com.

Chief Nolan also mentioned that the Police Community Oriented Policing Unit will be putting on a display for Police Week at the small park area in front of Davios on May 18th, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Any member interested in supporting this event is asked to notify Officer Chris Dolga via email at cdolga@umtownship.org.

The next meeting was set for June 4th at 7 PM in a room TBD.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Nolan