

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE  
JANUARY 17, 2018

The Board of Community Assistance of Upper Merion Township met for its reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE REORGANIZATION FOR 2018

It was moved by Ms. Dan Sardinias, seconded by Mr. Pearson, all voting "Aye" to appoint Mr. Dave Kraynik as Temporary Chairman. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. Kraynik opened the floor for nomination for Chairman of the Board of Community Assistance for 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Karen, all voting "Aye" to appoint Ms. Dan Sardinias as Chairperson of the Board of Community Assistance. Ms. Dan Sardinias opposed. Motion approved 2-1.

Ms. Dan Sardinias opened the floor for nomination for Vice Chairperson of the Board of Community Assistance.

It was moved by Ms. Dan Sardinias, seconded by Mr. Pearson, all voting "Aye" to appoint Mr. Karen as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Community Assistance. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks; Lydia Dan Sardinias, Chairperson BCA; Eric Pearson, Valley Forge Casino Resort; David Karen, Vice Chair BCA; Dave Kraynik, Township Manager; Sally Slook, Assistant Township Manager; Angela Caramenico, Assistant to Township Manager.

Ms. Dan Sardinias inquired about the status of the search to fill the BCA vacancy. Mr. Waks responded interviews will be held in February and if all goes well the Board of Supervisors will be in a position to make an appointment at the February business or workshop meeting.

## MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Mr. Kraynik asked Mrs. Caramenico to review with the BCA the schedule from last year. Mrs. Caramenico responded subsequent to the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline there were two meetings in April to review all the applications. She indicated the applications are emailed to the BCA as they are received for initial review by the BCA prior to the April BCA meetings.

Ms. Dan Sardinas explained the applications are separated into three piles: sports, organizations and scholarships and listed on a spreadsheet in the order received. Some applications are disqualified automatically, for example, if they are not from Upper Merion Township.

In addition to out of township applications, Mr. Karen asked what other principles have been developed over time during the decision-making process or if it is done year by year. Ms. Dan Sardinas responded it is done year by year and sometimes depends on the need of the school or township or whether a grant was previously awarded. The BCA is always looking for new organizations and initiatives and considers the merits of the proposal and how much it will impact the public.

After reviewing various schedules and discussing last year's timeline, the following schedule was decided:

February 5, 2018	BCA presentation to School Board (Lydia)
February 22, 2018	BCA presentation to BOS (Lydia)
April 12, 2018	Next BCA meeting at 5 p.m.
April 26, 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> BCA meeting at 5 p.m. before BOS Joint Meeting
May 24, 2018	BCA award recommendations and announcements at business meeting
TBD	date for Ivy Day (Dave Kraynik and Eric Pearson)
June 8, 2018	High School Graduation Day
TBD	Valley Forge Casino Reception – June 1-6

During the schedule discussion, Mr. Waks made the point that the date of the casino reception could be announced early in order to give advance notice to those applicants who will be selected.

Mr. Pearson commented last year's casino reception was held on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## AUDIT DISCUSSION

Ms. Dan Sardinas stated the BCA has the option to bring in a certain amount of people or organizations to go over their performance to provide some accountability in the process.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to call in the Montgomery County Guild of Professional Artists at 5 p.m. on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Caramenico will notify them.

## DISCUSSION OF YEAR END SUMMARIES

Ms. Dan Sardinas asked if everyone responded to the year-end summary. Mrs. Caramenico responded only a few are missing.

Ms. Dan Sardinas commented when the applications come in for scholarships she gives a higher value to the quality of the community service as opposed to academic achievements.

With regard to year-end summaries, Mr. Karen asked if there is a way to have them posted online. Mrs. Caramenico responded in the affirmative.

## ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Karen, seconded by Mr. Pearson, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.



DAVID G. KRAYNIK  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered: