

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
APRIL 12, 2018

The Board of Community Assistance of Upper Merion Township met for its regular meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Greg Waks, Board of Supervisors Liaison;; Lydia Dan Sardinias, Chairperson; David Karen, Vice Chairperson; Brett Montich, Member; Eric Pearson, VF CR Representative, Dave Kraynik, Township Manager; and Angela Caramenico, Assistant to the Township Manager. Ira Lubert, VF CR, and Sally Slook, were absent.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Karen, all voting "Aye" to approve the January 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

As a first step in the application review, it was agreed to start the discussion with a review of the organization applicant list, followed by the sports list. Mr. Montich would keep a tally of the dollars awarded on the first round, and then the Board could go back and revisit before making their final determination.

The Board asked for the total BCA amount that could be distributed for 2018. Mr. Kraynik reported opinion that it was close to \$150,000, but stated he would confirm with the Township's Finance Director and report back to the BCA. Mr. Pearson noted that next year the VF Casino will have 250 more slot machines and this should provide a substantial boost to the Township's revenue and use for BCA grants.

A discussion ensued about the Valley Forge Presbyterian Church application. It was agreed that the Church should be contacted informing them that the BCA is interested in their application, but would like them to come to the next meeting to provide more information. Mr. Montich stated he would contact them. A discussion also ensued about the Elmwood Park Zoo and the King of Prussia Soccer Club. With regard to the Zoo, the BCA discussed reducing the amount of the requested grant, but would still request a free day for UMT

residents. With regard to the Soccer Club, the BCA were in agreement to award a grant but with the condition that they need to see a plan.

There was also a discussion about all the many school district applications and whether or not they should qualify since they are taxed based.

The BCA next reviewed and discussed the scholarship applications. The Board agreed that they would take the next week to further review the scholarship applications and discuss them at the next meeting on April 26th.

It was mentioned that the awards reception will be held on June 5, 2018 at the Venue, hosted by the Valley Forge Casino. Mr. Waks asked that Mr. Wagenmann be notified and invited to present the RGW scholarship award.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

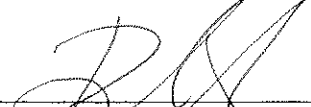
The BCA will meet again on April 26th in the Township Administration Conference Room at 5:00 p.m. to continue with review of applications, followed by the Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors in the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

The BCA will make their award recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at the May 17, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Montich will give the presentation.

Mr. Pearson indicated he would represent the BCA at Ivy Day, along with Mr. Kraynik, which is scheduled for June 7th at the UM High School.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Montich, seconded by Mr. Karen, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



DAVID G. KRAYNIK
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: