

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE  
JULY 10, 2013

The Board of Community Assistance of Upper Merion Township met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Greg Waks, Board Liaison, David Kraynik, Township Manager; Judith A. Vicchio, Assistant Township Manager; Lydia Dan Sardinias, Chairperson; Robyn Briggs, Member; Scott Milner, Member, Mike Bowman, President and CEO, Valley Forge Casino Resort (VFCR). Ira Lubert, VFCR, was absent.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Milner, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, all voting "Aye" to approve the June 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

DISCUSSIONS – FINAL REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS, ANALYZE RATINGS, SELECT RECIPIENTS AND AMOUNTS OF GRANTS

The following scholarships were reviewed and discussed:

Jessie Alexandra Bereda – Temple University (Communications)  
Matthew Owens – University of Scranton (Computer Science)  
Mitchell Derby – Rochester Institute of Technology (Computer Engineering)  
Alina Lewandowski – Temple University  
Annina M. Baker – Villanova University (Mechanical Engineer)  
Jeremy Gurbatow – Susquehanna University (Biology, History)  
Samantha Garzillo – American University (Public Comm.)  
Amanda Hankin – Immaculata University (Business Admin.)

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Milner, seconded by Mr. Bowman, all voting "aye" to approve scholarship money for all 8 applicants. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

A discussion followed about the need for applicants to firm up what they are doing for community service and a procedure should be established in writing to assure the completion of their project.

A procedural question was raised about the scholarships and whether the check would be sent to the recipients or to the schools, and it was determined that the checks

for scholarships would go directly to the schools and checks for organizations could be handed out at the awards reception on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was noted that there is a matching fund requirement for organizations, and the following sports organizations were reviewed and discussed:

- Upper Merion Skate Park Project
- King of Prussia Football Association
- Upper Merion Baseball Association
- Upper Merion Crew Boosters
- King of Prussia Soccer Club

The following community organizations were reviewed and discussed:

- King of Prussia Firefighters Association
- Upper Merion Emergency Aid
- Feel the Warmth
- Montgomery Child Advocacy Project
- Mission Kids – Child Advocacy Center
- Lafayette Ambulance and Rescue
- Neighborhood Meals on Wheels
- Colonial Neighborhood Meals on Wheels
- King of Prussia Historical Society
- Upper Merion Township Employee Scholarships
- Outdoor School in Horsham
- Swedeland Volunteer Fire Company
- Optimist Club of Valley Forge
- Historic Philadelphia
- ALS Association – Greater Philadelphia Chapter
- Upper Merion Senior Service Center
- Upper Merion Tricentennial Mural Project
- Best Buddies Pennsylvania
- Upper Merion Area School District (UMASD)– Viking Video
- UMASD – After School Extra Curricular Academic Team
- UMASD – STEM
- Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Foundation
- Rotary Club of King of Prussia
- American Cancer Society
- CHOP
- Mothers' Club of Upper Merion
- Christ Church (Old Swedes)

A discussion followed about the invitation list for the awards reception on August

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Milner, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the approval of \$103,500 for the organizations and amounts specified during the discussion. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Mr. Waks thanked all the members of the Board of Community Assistance for the excellent job they did on short notice with tight time constraints.

The next meeting of the BCA will be scheduled in September on a date to be determined after Labor Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mrs. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.



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DAVID G. KRAYNIK  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered:

