

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
NOVEMBER 13, 2013

The Board of Community Assistance of Upper Merion Township met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Judith A. Vicchio, Assistant Township Manager; Lydia Dan Sardinas, Chairperson; Scott Milner, Member, Mike Bowman, President and CEO, Valley Forge Casino Resort (VFCR). Ira Lubert, VFCR, and Robyn Briggs were absent.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Milner, seconded by Mr. Bowman, all voting "Aye" to approve the September 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISED APPLICATION

Ms. Dan Sardinas noted the "purpose of the BCA" was added to the application and that applications should be submitted by March 15th.

Mr. Milner noted the second line should reflect "501(c)".

Referring to page 3 of the all black text, Mr. Milner suggested adding "December 31st of the year the award is granted" so that the language is not open ended.

Ms. Dan Sardinas asked for clarification about the time frame that the grant money must be used. Mr. Milner responded it has to be used within a year of receipt of the award.

Ms. Dan Sardinas commented that the scholarship application is too involved and Mr. Milner agreed.

Mr. Milner questioned the requirement for an essay. He recalled he added language on top of page 9 about doing a project plan since the applicant would be motivated to execute the plan if they thought it through.

A discussion followed about the reference to the essay on page 9 after which it was decided to strike that language so as not to discourage applicants by being overbucdensome.

Ms. Dan Sardinas commented about the reference to extra-curricular school activities which gives the impression it would detract from favorable consideration of the scholarship application if a student was not involved in such activities. Mr. Bowman agreed. Mr. Bowman stated it needs to be more of what community service project has been completed.

A discussion followed about language on page 8 regarding the contribution of a minimum of 50 community service hours and integrating a project plan for the proposed community service, how it will impact Upper Merion Township, and submit a letter from the organization certifying completion of the number of hours by December 31st of the year the scholarship is awarded. Mr. Milner marked up the draft revised application accordingly.

Referring to page 10, Ms. Dan Sardinas questioned the need for SAT scores since the focus is an applicant who does a lot of community service. Mr. Bowman commented he does not believe it is necessary to obtain SAT scores. Mrs. Dan Sardinas said it might be helpful to have the scholastic transcripts. Mr. Milner and Mr. Bowman agreed.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Milner, seconded by Mr. Bowman, all voting "Aye" to approve the final edits of the application. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BCA TIMELINE FOR 2013-2014 PROGRAM

Ms. Vicchio noted the 2013-2014 Program is a repeat of the timeline that is in the application.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mike Bowman, seconded by Mr. Milner, all voting "Aye" to approve the BCA timeline as stated. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES FOR 2014

It was decided that a December 2013 meeting would not be necessary. After a brief discussion it was decided the next meeting would be Wednesday, January 8, 2014 for the BCA reorganization meeting. The meeting dates for 2014 will be finalized at the reorganization meeting.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Milner, all voting "Aye" to approve the tentative meeting dates, excluding December 2013, for the year 2014. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

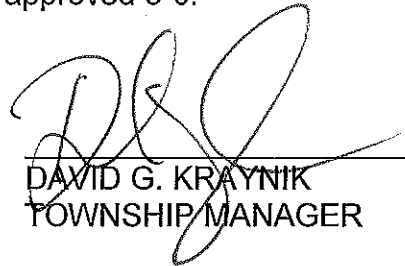
Ms. Dan Sardinas commented on a letter she received inquiring about one of the grant recipients.

Ms. Dan Sardinas mentioned the interview request from UMGA-TV to explain the BCA application process.

Ms. Vicchio indicated she would arrange for a reminder to be sent to BCA board members for the Wednesday, January 8, 2014 BCA Reorganization meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Milner, seconded by Mr. Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.



DAVID G. KRAYNIK
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered:

