

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
APRIL 12, 2017

The Board of Community Assistance of Upper Merion Township met for its regular meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2017 at the Upper Merion Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Greg Waks, Board of Supervisors Liaison;; Lydia Dan Sardinias, Chairperson; Scott Milner, Vice Chairperson; Mike Bowman, VFCR Representative, Dave Kraynik, Township Manager; Sally Slook, Assistant Township Manager; and Angela Caramenico, Assistant to the Township Manager. Ira Lubert, VFCR, and David Karen, BCA member, were absent.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Milner, seconded by Mr. Bowman, all voting "Aye" to approve the January 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

As a first step for the application review, Mr. Milner suggested fewer grants but with larger amounts for bigger projects.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

As a first step in the application review, it was agreed to start the discussion with a review of the sports applicant list, followed by the organization list. Mr. Milner 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 2017. It was Mr. Kraynik's 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. Milner stated he would start his tally at \$150,000.

As per the BCA's request, the spreadsheet now shows if the applicant previously applied, received money, and whether or not they submitted their year- end report. This provided a better barometer of past BCA support.

A discussion ensued about the Valley Forge Park Alliance application. It was agreed that the Alliance should be contacted informing them that the BCA is

interested in their application, however more information is needed, such as a conceptual design. Mr. Bowman recused himself from any discussion on this matter.

The BCA next reviewed and discussed the scholarship applications.

It was mentioned that the awards reception will be held on June 7, 2017, and 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 27th in the Township Administration Conference Room at 5:30 p.m. to continue with review of applications, followed by the Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

The BCA will make their award recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at the May 18, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Ms. Dan Sardinias will attend.

Mr. Bowman indicated he would represent the BCA at Ivy Day, along with Mr. Kraynik, which is scheduled for June 9th at the UM High School.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Waks asked about the outstanding grant that was awarded to the Ultimate Frisbee Group in 2016 and was never cashed. Ms. Caramenico stated she did not get a response from them after several attempts. It was agreed that no more attempts should be made and that the check should be voided.

A discussion ensued regarding signage/acknowledgment from the recipients that their project was funded by the BCA. It was agreed that wording to that effect should be included in the award letter to each recipient. Also, township staff should work on creating some kind of sign with the BCA logo on it with wording that "funding was provided by the BCA".

The BCA then discussed the audit process and contemplated bringing in the Upper Merion Crew Boosters, 2015 recipients. Staff was asked to verify that the Boosters did indeed purchase the Pocock Racing Eight boat as per their application and award; and, if so, did they put the BCA logo on it.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Ms. Dan Sardinias, seconded by Mr. Milner, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



DAVID G. KRAYNIK
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved: 4-12-17

Minutes Entered: 4-13-17

