

The regular meeting of the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** for October 2020 was held this evening via web-conference, President Daniel B. Norris presiding. Members present were Commissioners Holland, Rappoport, Areman, Pransky, Brockington and Zygmund-Felt.

Staff present via web-conference were Robert Zienkowski, Township Manager; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Weed, Deputy Chief of Police; Michael Fleming, Public Works Coordinator; Scott Lynch, Fire Marshal; Christopher Clewell, Public Works Superintendent; Bruce Rangnow, Director of Fiscal Affairs; and Henry Sekawungu, Director of Planning and Zoning. Also present via web-conference was Joseph Bagley, Esq., Township Solicitor.

Mr. Bagley announced that the Board met in an Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss personnel matters, emergency preparedness and the protection of public safety, and matters which if discussed in public would violate a lawful privilege.

1. The meeting was commenced by Mr. Norris at 7:35 pm.
2. Mr. Areman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Each member having received a copy of the Commissioners' Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2020, upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
4. Each member having received a copy of the Executive Summary Financial Report of the Manager/Secretary for the month of September 2020, upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
5. Each member having received a copy of the Accounts Paid Report for the month of September 2020, upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
6. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Public Works Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 7, 2020:
  - a. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the adoption of **Resolution No. 28-20** granting conditional approval for CTDA #20-03, Land Development/Lot Consolidation for 315 and 319 West Glenside Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038 to consolidate 315 & 319 West Glenside Avenue into one lot, demolish an existing single-family detached dwelling at 315 West Glenside Avenue and construction of a parking area and stormwater management on the property (see attached).

Mr. Areman stated that this came in front of the Board last month and there was a question about the ADA handicap parking space and which side the painted line needed to be on. Since then, the Township Engineer has approved the revised plan.

Mr. Bagley said there was an additional late request from the applicant. Carrie Nase, attorney for the applicant, requested an additional waiver on the landscaping plan to screening the façade of a non-residential building. The request relates to the limiting constraints onsite and the inability to provide the required landscaping. Mr. Bagley said the Township Engineer supports the Board granting this additional waiver, as there is not adequate room to put the trees required by Section 436 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). Ms. Rappoport asked how many trees are required by the SALDO and if the applicant can donate the trees it cannot fit on its property to the Township in places where they are needed. Mr. Zienkowski proposed that the applicant donate and plant ten (10) 4" caliber trees in various Township parks, which is roughly

\$2,800 for the applicant to consider. Mr. Areman expressed concern that this was in excess of what would be required and that it is not fair to penalize the applicant for its dimensional hardship. Mr. Areman also suggested that the Township be responsible for planting the trees. Mr. Zygmund-Felt suggested added a condition that says the contribution not exceed ten trees or \$2,800. Ms. Nase agreed to a fee not to exceed \$2,800 in lieu of providing the trees, as the applicant would prefer not to be responsible for planting. Mr. Holland said the applicant should be financially responsible for the trees, but not for planting them. Mr. Bagley recommended Township plant the trees due to liability reasons. Ms. Nase said her client agreed to the terms and would like to cap the contribution to \$3,000. Mr. Bagley summarized that it was a consensus of the Board to adopt the Resolution with the addition of a waiver from Section 436 of the SALDO with the payment of a fee in lieu of \$3,000.

- b. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved language regarding ancillary cathodic protection equipment in the proposed easement with Texas Eastern in the vicinity of the Jenkintown Creek Bridge.

Mr. Bagley said two outstanding items are to be discussed separately on tonight's agenda with respect to a temporary and permanent easement along Tookany Creek Parkway for the movement of a gasline from the Jenkintown Creek Bridge onto and under the ground. The language under discussion only relates to ancillary cathodic protection equipment. If Texas Eastern wants to install principle cathodic protection equipment, it would be part of a separate easement in another location.

- c. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Board of Commissioners unanimously concurred with the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities award of a contract to Morton Salt to provide Rock Salt for the 2020-2021 Winter Season at a delivered price of \$51.05 per ton.

Mr. Pransky asked how this compares to the price from the last contract. Mr. Zienkowski said there was a very minimal increase. Mr. Clewell confirmed that it only increased by a few cents.

- d. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Ply-Mar Construction Co., Inc. to pave the drainage improvement area on Church Road at the Public Works Facility as part of the Elkins Park West Streetscape project in the amount of 14,800.

Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2020.

7. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Building and Zoning Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 7, 2020.

- a. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioner unanimously authorized advertisement of a Public Hearing to be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on December 16, 2020, to consider any and all public comment and consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 295, entitled "Zoning", to clarify and modify the definitions of "Dwelling", "Family", "Hotel", and "Motel" and to enact definitions of "Short-Term", Short-Term Transient Lodging" and "Vacation Rental"; to regulate the uses of Short-Term Transient Lodging and Vacation Rental; and to modify the use regulations for a Bed and Breakfast.
- b. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioner unanimously authorized to table moving forward with the implementation of an Ordinance amending Chapter 270:

Taxation, Article VI: Property Tax Abatements, of the Cheltenham Township Code of Ordinances to expand the number of properties that qualify for property Tax Abatements through the addition of Commercial Districts, extend the abatement period from five years to 10 years, add definitions for clarification, and add exclusions/revocations and disqualifying events.

Mr. Pransky said after much discussion with the Board and the Township Solicitor, some language still needs to be clarified and recommended tabling this item until next month.

Mr. Norris added that the School Board would like to discuss this further and will discuss it with the Township at the next School/Township Liaison Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Building and Zoning Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2020.

8. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 2020.

- a. Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized advertisement of the Board of Commissioners' intention to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 285-43, Street and Parking Regulations, of the Cheltenham Township Code to amend traffic regulations to add Handicapped Parking in front of 1828 Chelsea Road at its regularly-scheduled meeting on November 18, 2020.

Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Safety Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 2020.

9. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Public Affairs Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 2020.

- a. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a contract amendment to NV5 in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,500.00 for additional survey work and condemnation advisory services for the Tookany Creek Phase III Trail Project.
- b. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,500.00 to Indian Valley Appraisers for a before/after appraisal of 222 East Church Road for easements related to the Tookany Creek Trail Phase III.
- c. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a contract to Christmas City Printing in the amount of \$2,675.00 to print the fall 2020 newsletter.
- d. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized for staff to seek proposals for No 2. Fuel Oil for the Glenside Library and Tax Office.
- e. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved to release the Historical Commission from a previously-imposed condition to scan materials that are being decommissioned prior to sending them to the Old York Road Historical Society.
- f. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners with a 6-1 vote approved of an easement to Texas Eastern in the amount of \$425,000 to relocate its gas pipeline on Township property (Ayes: Norris, Brockington, Holland, Areman, Zygmund-Felt, Pransky; Nays: Rappoport).

Mr. Norris complimented the Township Manager and Township Solicitor for an outstanding job of substantially increasing the amount of this easement. Mr. Zygmund-

Felt added that the original amount proposed for this easement was \$58,000. Mr. Norris stated that this money will be added to the Capital Fund.

- g. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners with a 4-3 vote approved of a hardship request for a waiver of the Zoning Hearing Board fees to enable the applicant to proceed through the Zoning Hearing Board Process for the property located at 7802 Caversham Road, Elkins Park, PA (Ayes: Norris, Areman, Brockington, Rappoport; Nays: Zygmund-Felt, Holland, Pransky).

Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Affairs Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2020.

10. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Finance Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 2020.

Mr. Holland reminded the public that the Capital Budget Workshop is on October 28, 2020 beginning at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom web-conferencing.

Mr. Norris said any likely tax increase will be in the Earned Income Tax (EIT), not the Real Estate Tax, in 2021. The amount the increase is undetermined at this point. No decision has been made at this time and the public will be able to provide feedback and concerns.

Upon motion of Mr. Holland, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Finance Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2020.

11. Old Business: None.

12. New Business:

- a. Mr. Pransky discussed an issue at a Tobacco Shop on Cottman Avenue that opened without the appropriate permits. Mr. Sekawungu said he received a zoning determination request in August for a convenience store at this location. The Township and DEP reviewed the request and granted approval. The applicant proceeded to install a sign that said it was a smoke shop, so violation notices were issued. The applicant paid the fines and the signs came down immediately. Mr. Sekawungu said one of staff's biggest challenges is enforcing the requirement in the Zoning Ordinance that the sale of tobacco or tobacco products cannot exceed 20% of sales.

Mr. Pransky asked if the Ordinance specifically includes smoke products or smoke, vaping and related products. Mr. Sekawungu said it states tobacco or tobacco products. Mr. Pransky suggested the language in the Ordinance be amended to include the additional products. Mr. Sekawungu suggested that the language also include CBD oil. Mr. Bagley said he will work with Mr. Sekawungu to amend the Ordinance.

Mr. Brockington asked Mr. Sekawungu to visit the Shop and Save on Cheltenham Avenue to ask them to remove the flags outside the store advertising its business hours.

Mr. Norris mentioned that the smoke shops along Cheltenham Avenue all have perimeter window lighting that stands out and asked if it is appropriate. Mr. Sekawungu said he will look at the lighting to determine if it meets Township code.

Mr. Holland asked if the State has public information about how much tobacco products each of these businesses are selling and then cross reference that with that reporting for Business Privilege Tax to get to a percentage of tobacco sales.

- b. Mr. Zygmund-Felt announced that the 6-1 and 6-2 Polling Locations for the upcoming General Election are being consolidated with Ward 6-3 at Elkins Park School. He received messages from concerned residents that were just made aware of the location change. Mr. Zygmund-Felt asked staff to reach out to Montgomery County Voter Services to ask them to send notification letters out to the affected residents of Wards 6-1 and 6-2. He also asked that this be publicized on all Township platforms.
- c. Mr. Brockington announced that Wards 5 and 7 are holding a Town Hall meeting tomorrow evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom web-conference to meet the new Township Manager. The Zoom information can be found on the Township web calendar.
- d. Ms. Rappoport announced that Ward 4 will hold a Town Hall Reception Meeting with the Township Manager on Thursday, October 29, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom web-conference. The Zoom information can be found on the Township web calendar.
- e. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved appointments to the following Citizens' Advisory Committees:

**EDTF**

Spencer Lempert

**Human Relations Committee**

Liza Meiris

- f. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee:

Commissioners

Ann Rappoport

Brad Pransky

Mitch Zygmund-Felt

Staff

Robert Zienkowski

Alyson Elliott

Henry Sekawungu

EDTF

David Coffin

Joseph Leo

Planning Commission

Tom Cross

Rhonda Isser

EAC

Wendy Ankrom

Greta Bunin

Mr. Pransky noted that the Comprehensive Plan is a roadmap the Township will use for the next 10 years to set the direction for future Township growth. This is not a quick process: it will take several years to develop. Ms. Elliott said the County Planning Commission is leading the charge on this project and they have started doing the background research.

- g. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following appointments to the Stormwater Advisory Committee:

Commissioners

Ann Rappoport

Baron Holland

Mitch Zygmund-Felt

Staff

Robert Zienkowski

Alyson Elliott

Henry Sekawungu

Chris Clewell

Nate Crittendon

Advisors

Mark Eisold, Township Engineer

Julie Slavet & Susan Harris, TTF

Residents

Tom McHugh, EAC

Fred Milbert, EDTF

Rhonda Isser, Planning Commission

Robert Hyslop, Resident

Non-Residential

David Cohen, School District

Brian Rissinger, KI

Brandon Kim, commercial/multifamily residential

Ms. Elliott said this committee will meet approximately five times throughout the process to provide guidance and expertise. There will be multiple public meetings throughout the

process to gain wider community input. Mr. Norris, on behalf of the Board, thanked the citizens who volunteered to be on this Committee.

- h. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized the replacement of Highway #19 truck in the amount of \$135,877 under Pennsylvania Co-Stars State Bidding Contract.  
Mr. Clewell explained that this truck is 21 years old and serves as one of the top five trucks in the salting and plowing operations, as well as towing the leaf tow-behinds. It was budgeted for replacement last year, but was pushed off to this year. To pass inspection, the truck will need a lot of costly work. The plan is not to purchase a new plow and new cab that will be installed on the aluminum body that was replaced in the last two years.
- i. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a contract to BTC in the amount of \$3,390 to print the annual EMS subscription mailer on recycled paper.  
Mr. Norris asked if the Township usually asks for quotes that request quotes for recycled paper and why it costs more for recycled as opposed to non-recycled. Ms. Elliott confirmed that past practice was to ask for quotes for both recycled and non-recycled paper to comply with the Township's Sustainability Plan.
- j. Mr. Zienkowski announced that the Township received two voluntary contributions from tax-exempt entities within the Township. Arcadia University contributed \$91,110 and Salus University contributed \$10,000. Mr. Pransky asked if the amount from Salus University was part of the new commitment or old commitment. Mr. Zienkowski stated that this was the old commitment and Mr. Bagley is working on the new commitment which will be reviewed at next month's Finance Committee meeting.
- k. Ms. Elliott presented a Resolution for consideration by the Board to apply for a grant under PECO's Green Region Grant. The Friends of Curtis Arboretum is interested in applying for funding to plant trees and shrubs in the bioswale project that was just completed. They are asking to submit a grant requesting \$2,500 from PECO, with a \$2,500 match from the Township. They will also fundraise to raise additional money to use for additional planting and signage.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved of **Resolution No 29-20** authorizing the Friends of Curtis Arboretum to apply for a grant under PECO's Green Region Program to request funding in the amount of \$2,500, with a Township match of \$2,500 for the planting of trees and shrubs in the bioswale project (see attached).

13. Citizens Forum: None.

There being no further business, Mr. Norris adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.



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Robert Zienkowski  
Township Manager

per Ashley Lupino

**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-20**

**315 & 319 WEST GLENSIDE AVENUE  
PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL AND LOT CONSOLIDATION**

**WHEREAS**, KD2 Properties, LLC (“Developer”) is the owner and developer of two existing lots which are proposed for consolidation into one 5,921 square foot parcel as well as the adaptive reuse of the existing commercial building into a professional office use and the demolition of the existing single family dwelling to allow for the creation of a parking lot to serve the office use (“Development”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer was granted zoning relief by the Cheltenham Township Zoning Hearing Board on or about February 10, 2020 (“Zoning Decision”) wherein certain variances were granted (the Zoning Decision is incorporated herein by reference as though set forth at length herein); and

**WHEREAS**, the Development is currently proposed as more particularly shown on certain preliminary/final land development plans prepared by Charles E. Shoemaker, Inc. dated April 14, 2020 and a landscaping plan prepared by InFocus Planning dated August 11, 2020 (the “Plans”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has also submitted a Stormwater Management and Erosion and Control Plan Narrative prepared by Charles E. Shoemaker, Inc. dated April 10, 2020 (referred to as the "Submittal"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Montgomery County Planning Commission (“MCPC”) issued a review letter on the Plans dated August 3, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners hereby **GRANTS** preliminary/final approval of the land development and lot consolidation as shown on the Plans and Submittal described herein subject, however, to the following conditions:

1. At this time, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners **WAIVES** strict compliance with the following provisions of the Cheltenham Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:
  - a. the requirement per Chapter 260, §304.C requiring the items within 200 feet of the site which must be shown on the Existing Features Plan;
  - b. the requirement per Chapter 260, §415 requiring sidewalks to be between 5’ and 8’ with a 4’ verge for all non-single-family residential zoning districts;
  - c. the requirement per Chapter 260, §422.M.2 requiring the minimum storm sewer pipe size diameter of fifteen (15) inches;
  - d. the requirement per Chapter 260, §421 and §619 to provide a trash enclosure;
  - e. the requirement per Chapter 260, §423 requiring street trees along all existing streets when they abut or lie within the proposed subdivision or land development, except where existing trees serve to meet the planting requirement;
  - f. the requirement per Chapter 260, §425.D requiring that for vehicular use areas of any size which are located in the side or rear yard of a property, or otherwise abut and adjacent

property where no right-of-way intervenes, a fifteen-foot (15') landscape buffer satisfying the requirements of SALDO Section 260-424.C.1.b-d shall be provided;

- g. the requirement of Chapter 260, §425.E requiring that for vehicular use areas of any size abutting a public or private street or sidewalk right-of-way, the applicant shall provide one the buffer option, listed in this Section, along the entire frontage of the vehicular use area;
  - h. the requirement of Chapter 260, §425.F.3.d requiring that a minimum width of planting island be nine (9) feet; and
  - i. the requirement of Chapter 260, §436 requiring that landscaped screening be provided along the façade of a non-residential building.
2. As a condition for the approval by the Board herein, the Developer agrees that (1) the stormwater conveyance pipes must be sized to utilize the maximize storage volume in the proposed seepage basin to reduce the stormwater runoff from the property in conformance with the SALDO and (2) Developer shall pay a fee-in-lieu of providing the landscaped screening required under Chapter 260, §436 in the amount of Three Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00) at the time the building permit for the Development is issued by the Township.
  3. Prior to the recording of the Plans, the Developer shall revise the Plans to conform to: the review comments and recommendations of the Township's Engineer set forth in the review letter of October 14, 2020.
  4. The Development shall be constructed in strict accordance with the content of the Plans, notes on the Plans and the terms and conditions of this Preliminary/Final Approval Resolution, the Submittal, and the Zoning Decision.
  5. Prior to recording the Plans, Developer shall provide the Township with all required approvals from outside agencies having jurisdiction over the Development including, but not limited to, approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), and the Montgomery County Conservation District, as applicable.
  6. Prior to the start of construction, Developer shall notify the Township Manager and the Township Engineer and schedule a preconstruction meeting with the Township. Developer shall provide the Township Manager and the Township Engineer with at least seventy-two (72) hours' notice prior to the initiation of any grading or ground clearing (whether for the construction of public improvements or in connection with individual buildings or additions) so that the Township may certify that all appropriate erosion and sedimentation control facilities have been properly installed and also that snow fencing or other types of boundary markers (acceptable to the Township) have been installed to protect such trees as are specifically proposed to not be eliminated during the construction of the Development.
  7. Prior to recording of the Plans, Developer shall enter into a Land Development and Financial Security Agreement ("Financial Security Agreement") with the Township. The Financial Security Agreement shall be satisfactory to the Township Solicitor and the Developer shall obligate itself to complete all of the public improvements shown on the Plans in accordance with Township criteria and specifications as well as to secure the completion of the said public improvements by posting satisfactory financial security as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC").

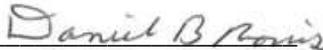
8. The cost of accomplishing, satisfying and complying with all of the terms and conditions and requirements of the Plans, notes to the Plans, the Submittals, this Preliminary/Final Approval Resolution, and the Financial Security Agreement shall be borne entirely by the Developer and shall be at no cost to the Township.
9. Although the maintenance of all stormwater collection, detention and conveyance facilities shall be the responsibility of Developer, its successors and assigns, Developer shall, prior to the recording of the Plans, execute a declaration to reserve easements in favor of the Township so that the stormwater facilities may be maintained by the Township (with all expenses charged to the Developer) in the event that the maintenance responsibilities of the stormwater facilities are not fulfilled after reasonable notice to do so. The terms and conditions of the declaration shall be satisfactory to the Township Solicitor, and the declaration shall be recorded simultaneously with the Plans.
10. Consistent with Section 509(b) of the MPC (as amended) the payment of all applicable fees and the funding of all escrows under the Land Development and Financial Security Agreement shall be accomplished within ninety (90) days of the date of this Resolution unless a written extension is granted by the Township. Until the applicable fees have been paid and the escrows fully funded, the final plat or record plan shall not be signed nor recorded. In the event that the fees have not been paid and the escrow has not been funded within ninety (90) days of this Resolution (or any written extension thereof), this contingent approval shall expire and be deemed to have been revoked.
11. Under the provisions of the MPC, the Developer has the right to accept or reject conditions imposed by the Board of Commissioners upon preliminary/final approval. In the absence of an appeal or a notice of rejection filed in writing within thirty (30) days from the date of this Resolution, the conditions set forth herein shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Developer. If (a) the Township receives written notice of a rejection of any of the conditions set forth herein within thirty (30) days from the date of this Resolution or (b) the Developer files an appeal of any of the conditions set forth herein within thirty (30) days from the date of this Resolution, this approval and the waivers granted in Paragraph 1 (which waivers are granted contingent upon the acceptance of the conditions set forth herein) shall be deemed to be automatically rescinded and revoked and the application shall be considered denied based upon the failure to fully comply with the condition set forth in Paragraph 2, all as authorized by Section 508 of the MPC.

**APPROVED** at the public meeting of the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners held on October 21, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Robert Zienkowski**  
*Township Manager and Secretary*

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By:   
**Daniel B. Norris, President**

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-20**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION  
WORK WITH THE FRIENDS OF CURTIS ARBORETUM TO PURSUE  
GRANT UNDER THE 2020 PECO GREEN REGION OPEN SPACE  
PROGRAM FOR PLANTING IS IN THE BIOSWALE AT THE DOG  
PARK PARKING LOT**

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**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cheltenham, Montgomery County, has restored the intermittent stream at Curtis Arboretum to its natural condition by removing the pipes and restoring the streambanks to a more naturalized bioswale; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheltenham Township completed a Conservation and Landscape Management Plan for the Curtis Arboretum which identifies daylighting the stream as an important aspect to restoring the natural landscape of the Arboretum for both aesthetic and environmental purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheltenham Township received a grant through the PECO Green Region Open Space Program in 2016 for a grant to convert the piped stream to a naturalized stream; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheltenham Township desires to apply for a second grant under the PECO Green Region Open Space Program to further enhance this project by planting shrubs, plugs and small trees along the bioswale to increase its ability to reduce pollution and infiltrate stormwater in order to improve the health of Rock Creek, a tributary of the Tookany Creek Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheltenham Township will be working with the Friends of Curtis Arboretum (FOCA) on this project; and

**WHEREAS**, FOCA will provide Cheltenham Township with design guidance, including the selection and layout of plant materials, and volunteer labor to plant the materials, if successful in this grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheltenham Township has received and understands the 2020 PECO Green Region Open Space Program Guidelines.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, hereby approves this project and authorizes the submission of an application to the 2020 PECO Green Region Open Space Program in the amount of \$2,500; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the application is granted, the Township of Cheltenham commits to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$2,500 necessary for the project's success.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, at its public meeting held at Curtis Hall, 1250 West Church Road, Wyncote, Pennsylvania, 19095, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham, this twenty-first day of October, A.D., 2020, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred twenty-first.

**RESOLVED** and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of **October, A.D., 2020**.

**ATTEST:**



**Robert A. Zienkowski**  
*Township Manager and Secretary*

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By:   
**Daniel B. Norris, President**