

A meeting of the **Civil Rights Task Force** for July 2021 was held tonight via web conference. Members in attendance were: Irv Brockington, Liza Meiris, Wendy Blutstein, Will Pillsbury, Jake Marcus, and Herb Bailey. Staff present: Robert Zienkowski, Township Manager; Charlyn Battle, Director of Human Resources; John Frye, Chief of Police; Andrew Snyder, Police Lieutenant. Guests present: Commissioner Ann Rappoport, Commissioner Dan Norris, Joel Fisbien, Cheltenham School Board, Dave S., Jon Smith and Des.

1. Mr. Brockington called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. The Meeting Minutes for June 2021 were accepted.

3. Traffic Stop Presentation by Cheltenham Township Police Department (see attached):

Lieutenant Andrew Snyder presented a PowerPoint on 2020 traffic stop statics. The members of the Civil Rights Task Force had an in-depth discussion after the presentation, which included asking follow-up questions to Lt. Snyder regarding the report.

4. Status update on Citizens Police Advisory Committee Proposal:

Ms. Marcus said she was still doing research and working on the proposal.

5. Cheltenham High School Graduation Speech:

Mr. Fishbien gave a brief overview of the Graduation Speech, the impact it had on the community, a corrective action plan for future speeches and the immediate action steps the School Board has taken.

Ms. Meiris mentioned the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the School Board recently adopted. Mr. Fishbien said that it was a collaborative effort between the School District and the Cheltenham Township Police Department.

Ms. Marcus asked if anyone was aware of the actions step that the School Board took regarding the speech. Mr. Norris said that the Times Chronicle had posted information regarding the speech and the steps the School Board was taking.

6. Old Business

A. Mr. Brockington said during the month of June, the Township did fly the Pride flag in honor of Pride Month and put a statement out about Juneteenth.


B. Mr. Zienkowski thanked Liza for her collaboration with the School District and the Police Department on the MOU.

7. New Business

A. Mr. Brockington announced that until further notice, the Civil Rights Task Force will continue to meet via Zoom. Ms. Blutstien said that there is greater participation when the meetings are on Zoom.

8. Open Discussion/Citizen Comments – None.

9. Mr. Brockington adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.



Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager

Per Charlyn Battle