

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** for December 2018 was held this evening, Chairman J. Andrew Sharkey, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Holland, Pransky, Rappoport and Zygmund-Felt. (Absent was Commissioner Brockington.) Also present was Ex-Officio Member Norris.

Staff members present were Christopher Clewell, Public Works Superintendent; Hank Wacker, Sewer Superintendent; Michael Fleming, Public Works Coordinator; Henry Sekawungu, Director of Planning & Zoning; Mark Eisold, Township Engineer; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; and Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager. Also present was Joseph M. Bagley, Township Solicitor. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He stated the Committee met in Executive Session prior to, and will meet again after this evening's public meeting to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation, and Township business which, if conducted in public, would violate the attorney-client privilege.

1. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Highway Department for the month of November 2018 was received.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Refuse Department for the month of October 2018 was received.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Parks Maintenance Department for the month of November 2018 was received.

4. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Sewer Department for the month of November 2018 was received.

5. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Code Administrator for the month of November 2018 was received.

6. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Street & Traffic Light Superintendent for the month of November 2018 was received.

7. Mr. Clewell provided an update on the Fall Leaf Collection. As of today, leaf collection is one day behind schedule in Route #1, but crews are catching up.

8. Mr. Clewell provided an update on deer harvested on Township-owned open space/park property by the Abington Deer Management (ADM) Program:

November 2018	<u>13 Deer at the following locations:</u>
	Ross/Wyngate: 2 Doe
	Tookany Creek Parkway: 2 Doe
	Parkview Open Space: 3 Doe, 2 Buck
	Gimbel Field: 2 Doe, 1 Buck
	Coventry Open Space: 1 Doe

Abington Deer Management has culled a total of 37 deer to-date, three less than last year's total. However, the program still has another month and a half, until mid-January (see attached).

9. Review of the Proposed 2019 and Tentative 2020 Milling and Paving locations. Mr. Sharkey thanked Mr. Fleming for his work. Mr. Sharkey asked that curbs of property along Glenside

Avenue, between Limekiln Pike and Clayton Road not be re-inspected, since the paving project was delayed due to construction projects and they have already completed repairs at the direction of the Township. Mr. Sharkey also asked Mr. Fleming to collaborate with the Highway Safety Unit to come up with a method to provide temporary resident parking during the paving along Keswick Avenue since it is a densely populated area with limited parking.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt remarked that the contractor who performed the Township's 2018 Milling and Paving project caused a lot of curb damage on Cadwalader Avenue with his milling equipment. He asked the Township to ensure proper calibration of the future contractor's milling equipment prior to commencement of milling and paving operations so the curbs are not damaged. Mr. Zygmund-Felt also asked if the 2018 contractor could be restricted from bidding on new projects, or the Township require that they use different personnel.

**Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the Proposed 2019 and Tentative 2020 Milling and Paving schedule as submitted by staff.

10. Shade Tree Advisory Commission – November 8, 2018 meeting canceled.
11. La Mott Board of Historical and Architectural Review – November 15, 2018 meeting canceled.
12. Wyncote Board of Historical and Architectural Review – November 15, 2018 meeting canceled.
13. Sanitary Sewer Status Update. Mr. Eisold referred to the report in the agenda packet, noting that the Interceptor "A" Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project will be substantially completed in by the end of the year. Cleanup work, including stabilization, will take place in the spring of 2019. At Mr. Zygmund-Felt's question, Mr. Eisold reported that a portion of the black pipe has been removed and the final portions will be removed after the final tie ins to the new pipe are made. Mr. Havir reported that one pump has been sold to Abington Township.

At Mr. Sharkey's question, Mr. Havir reported that staff has been in communication with Aqua regarding grants for trees to plant along the Interceptor "A" project area.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt inquired about cost overruns and change orders for the project and whether Abington and Jenkintown are aware of the additional costs. Mr. Havir stated that an estimate of costs has been shared with Abington and Jenkintown for budgeting purposes.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Sanitary Sewer Status Update was received.

14. Update on Ashmead Road Bridge Replacement Project. Mr. Eisold reported that conversations between the Township and contractor have yielded that it would be advantageous for both the Township and contractor to start the project in early January 2019, rather than waiting until March 1, 2019, as previously agreed. This will allow the contractor to complete preliminary work before the start of construction season and increase chances of the project being completed by September 2019 when school starts.

Ms. Rappoport received clarification that there would be further savings if the contractor could begin in January. Mr. Havir recommended a caveat that the Township would not incur cost overruns by starting the project in the winter due to possible weather delays.

Mr. Eisold also reported that the Township will be hosting a meeting next week with the contractor and other appropriate parties to discuss traffic signal improvements at the intersection adjacent to the bridge.

15. Easton Road Bridge Reconstruction Project. Mr. Havir stated Mr. Tom Bonner, Capital Projects Program Director for Montgomery County, reached out to him and shared the following information:

- The late start to the project is due to utility work; however, the project is progressing and it is estimated that Phase I work will be completed by the end of January 2019. At that time, it is anticipated that weight restrictions on the bridge will be lifted.
- Phase II work will shift the traffic to the opposite side of Easton Road. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring and should be completed by summer 2019.

16. Review and consideration of proposed changes to the Administrative EDU Policy. Matthew Chrobocinski, Boucher & James, provided a brief overview of the proposed changes to the Township's policy for the allocation of EDUs for sanitary sewer connections in the Township.

Ms. Rappoport inquired about the fees charged for a single family dwelling and that of two or more dwellings. Mr. Havir said staff would evaluate the fees as outlined in the policy and make recommendations for changes, if necessary.

Ms. Rappoport also asked whether the Township or Aqua would be responsible for EDU allocation once the sale of the Township's sanitary sewer system is finalized. Mr. Bagley confirmed that this policy would be nullified by the sale; however, subdivision and land development remains within our purview. During the subdivision and land development review process, an applicant will need to coordinate sanitary sewer connections with Aqua.

**Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Norris, it was recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the Administrative Policy for Obtaining Equivalent Dwelling Units, subject to a review by Staff of the Application Fees.

17. Upon motion of Mr. Holland, unanimously approved by the Committee, the November 19, 2018, Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Council were received.

18. Update on Tookany Creek Watershed Feasibility Flood Reduction Study on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). Mr. Havir stated he and the Township Engineer participated in a conference call on December 3 with the ACOE on this project. Mr. Eisold provided the following information:

- The ACOE will be proceeding with the quantitative risk assessment study. Due to the potential life safety issues, it is required that the study be fully funded by the federal government. There will not be an additional cost to the Township.
- The ACOE was more optimistic with respect to the cost benefit analysis for the project, though the exact results would not be known until the study is complete.
- It is estimated that this study will be completed by the first quarter of 2019.

Mr. Norris asked for clarification of why the ACOE is optimistic about the results of the cost-benefit analysis. Mr. Eisold stated that as they move further through the quantitative risk assessment study, they believe that they will find that the impact of one of these structures failing is not as dramatic

an impact as compared to the existing flooding. Previously, they believed the impact would be similar to that of a large dam failure.

Public Comment:

*Ronda Isser, Cheltenham Infrastructure Solutions:* asked if the discussion was in reference to the letter posted. Mr. Sharkey answered yes, but the issue may seem confusing unless the study was followed for a while.

*Robert Hyslop, 211 Harrison Avenue, Glenside:* asked for clarification on completion of the full ACOE study and provided comments on the analysis and potential actions. In response, Mr. Sharkey stated the Township has done everything in its ability to advance this project.

19. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Committee recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt the following Resolutions for presentation to Public Works employees upon their upcoming retirements:

William Ferrari, Refuse and Recycling Superintendent  
Richard Catania, Automotive Mechanic  
Michael Carrigan, Skilled Laborer  
John Ciocca, Heavy Equipment Operator #2  
Ronald Fulton, Heavy Equipment Operator #2  
John Gebhardt, Jr., Auto Mechanic  
Dennis Murphy, Foreman  
David Smith, Fleet Superintendent

20. **Announcement:** A community meeting for Kerlin Farm Development has been scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Cheltenham Elementary School. Mr. Sharkey thanked Commissioners Zygmund-Felt, Norris and Brockington for organizing the event.
21. Old Business – None.
22. New Business:
- A. Ms. Rappoport reported the Pennsylvania Municipal League has its Governor’s Award for local government excellence and suggested the Committee nominate a recipient from Cheltenham Township.

**Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Committee recommended the Board of Commissioners nominate the Friends of High School Park for a Governor’s Award.

- B. Mr. Sharkey reported that the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) plans to invite a company called “Green Spot” to one of its meetings to discuss electric vehicle charging stations electric vehicle sharing. Mr. Sharkey suggested the EAC host the meeting with the Economic Development Task Force and invite representatives from entities such as Arcadia University, Moss Rehab, Salus University, Lynnewood Gardens, Greenleaf and Cedarbrook Malls, as well. Mr. Sharkey reported that he posted an informal poll on his Facebook page and was surprised at the amount of positive interest in pursuing such a program in the Township.

C. Ms. Rappoport acknowledged the EAC's request to be brought into the subdivision and land development planning process to help promote implementation of the Township's Sustainability Plan.

23. Citizens' Forum:

*Rhonda Isser, Cheltenham Infrastructure Solutions*: requested information about grants for the trees for the Interceptor "A" Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

Mr. Sharkey congratulated Ms. Isser on her recent appointment to the Planning Commission.

24. On behalf of the Public Works Committee, Mr. Sharkey wished everyone a happy holiday of their choice and a healthy and happy New Year.

25. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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Bryan T. Havir  
Township Manager

Submitted by: Avery China, Secretary

## DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 2018 TO DATE

September 2018	<u>5 deer at the following locations:</u> Ross/Wyngate ---2 Doe Gimbel Field ---- 2 Doe Green Valley Open Space ---1 Doe
October 2018	<u>19 deer at the following locations:</u> Tookany Creek Parkway ---6 Doe Wyngate/Ross ---4 Doe Waverly Road Compost Facility---3 Doe Green Valley Open Space---2 Doe Gimbel Field---2 Doe Coventry Open Space---2 Doe
November 2018	<u>13 Deer at the following locations:</u> Ross/Wyngate---2 Doe Tookany Creek Parkway---2 Doe Parkview Open Space---3 Doe, 2 Buck Gimbel Field---2 Doe, 1 Buck Coventry Open Space---1 Doe

As of September 15, 2018, there has been 65 days of permitted hunting days. Abington Deer Management has culled a total of 37 deer. Thirty-four (34) of them were Doe, three (3) of them were Bucks.

The Deer Management Program first started in October of 2016. Abington Deer Management has successfully culled a total of one hundred and eleven (111) deer to date from Open Space and Park land without incident.

This service is a free service to the Township.

### Deer vs. Auto Stats.

2015-2016 -Prior to the Deer Management Program- Sixty-two (62) Deer were found dead on roads/properties.

2016-2017 – Prior to and during the archery hunting season, fifty-eight (58) deer were found dead on roads/properties.

2017-2018 – After the first season was completed and the second season was in progress, nineteen (19) deer were found dead on roads/properties.

2018 – to date- twenty-two (22) deer were found dead on roads and properties.

In the past two years there has been on average thirty-seven less deer vs. auto collisions per year.

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST**  
**Public Works Committee @ 7:30 PM**  
**Building & Zoning Committee @ 8:00 PM**  
**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**  
**Curtis Hall**  
**Wyncote, PA 19095**

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