

**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2006
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Scott Brown called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's May 10, 2006 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Brown asked Ms. Shafkowitz to call the roll. Present at the meeting were Commissioner President Scott Brown, Commissioner Vice President Gerald Andris, Commissioner Charles Sisian, and Commissioner John Thinnes. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joseph Kuhls, Engineer Joe Nolan, Township Planner Ken Amey, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Stock, and Assistant to the Manager Melissa Shafer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Thinnes led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments at this time.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

1. Girl Scout Troop 720

Commissioner President Brown recognized Girl Scout Troop 720 for the birdhouses they built and placed at the Hatfield Township Nature Area.

2. North Penn Health Hospital and Education Authority Scholarship Presentation

Commissioner Brown recognized NPHHEA scholarship winners Umme Ayesa, Alicia Carovillano, Nikita Halteman, Jaime Beauseigneur, and Hyun Jin Park. Each of the scholarship winners announced where they were going to school and their intended major area of study.

3. Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough Joint Open Space Plan Public Hearing

Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz reviewed the Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough Joint Open Space Plan. Ms. Shafkowitz highlighted several key elements of the planning process through a power point presentation.

Assistant to the Manager Melissa Shafer spoke as the staff liaison to the Open Space Committee and reported on the top three priorities for open space preservation in the township: the Bishop Farm, Twin Woods Golf Course on Orvilla Road; and a collection of parcels between Orvilla and Forty Foot Roads including the Baum properties and the North Penn School District movie lots. The Open Space Committee recommended a referendum to increase the Earned Income Tax to fund these preservation efforts.

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that she would provide the Board with information on referendums at the next meeting.

4. Traffic Calming Presentation

Township Traffic Engineer Andreas Heinrich, P.E., provided the Board with a brief overview on traffic calming methods that may be used in Hatfield Township.

Forest Kerr of Trewigtown Road asked if signage or flashing lights would assist in traffic calming.

Bea States of Orvilla Road asked if traffic could also be looked at on Orvilla Road. Commissioner Brown said that it could be looked into.

Commissioner Sisian thanked Commissioner Brown for heading this traffic calming effort.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – *April 18, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the April 18, 2006 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes into the record.

2. THP Planning Module Resolution
Resolution 06-13

Solicitor Kuhls explained the Planning Module Resolution for THP's pending development on Elroy Road.

Commissioner Thinnes made a motion to approve Resolution 06-13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 4-0 vote.

B. Public Works Committee

No report.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

1. Hatfield Park Commission Meeting Minutes – *April 10, 2006*
2. Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes - *April 3, 2006*
3. Hatfield Township Shade Tree Commission – *April 17, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the April 10, 2006 Hatfield Park Commission Meeting Minutes, the April 3, 2006 Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes, and the April 17, 2006 Hatfield Township Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes into the record.

Ms. Shafkowitz announced several upcoming recreation events and reported that Earth Day was a success.

D. Public Safety Committee

1. Public Safety Monthly Report – *April 2006*

Commissioner Sisian entered the April 2006 Public Safety Report into the record.

E. Finance Committee

No report.

F. North Penn Water Authority

1. North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes – *March 28, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the March 28, 2006 North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes into the record.

2. North Penn Water Authority Report

John Strobel reported that the Forrest Park Water Treatment Plant will be completed by the first quarter of 2007. It is a \$33 million project and it is on time and within budget.

Commissioner Brown asked if the water authority was going to take all the wells off line. Mr. Strobel replied that was not the intent. There will be a mixture of surface water and ground water.

Commissioner Andris asked Mr. Strobel if the authority would consider providing some kind of credit to those residents that purchase water efficient clothes and dish washers.

Michael Malin of Line Lexington Road said that he requested certain information from the water authority to find out about the rate increase. Mr. Malin was not provided with a list of employee's salaries. Mr. Strobel said that he would look into that.

G. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority

1. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes – *March 14, 2006*
2. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report – *March 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the March 14, 2006 Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes and the March 2006 Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report into the record.

VII. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Manager's Report

1. Ms. Shafkowitz reported that the township has received a technical assistance grant from the DEP and SWANA to do a study on trash and recycling collection in Hatfield Township.
2. Ms. Shafkowitz reported that all municipalities in Pennsylvania must complete "NIMS" training and implement certain policies and procedures in case of a disaster. Key staff as well as elected officials must complete the training. Hatfield Township Fire Marshal Mike Waldron is working with the county to try and have a regional training at the Hatfield Township Municipal Building.

B. Solicitor's Report

No report.

C. Building Report

1. Building Report – *April 2006*

Ken Amey entered the April 2006 Building Report into the record.

D. Engineer's Report

No report.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURN

Commissioner Thinnis made a motion to adjourn the May 10, 2006 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andris and carried on a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.