

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
SUGARTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 611 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA
MARCH 13, 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors came to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisors William R. Shoemaker, George J. McHugh IV and Robert T. Lange were present. Also present were Township Manager David R. Burnan, Chief of Police John M. Narcise, Zoning Officer Neil D. Vaughn, and Parks & Recreation Director Mary N. Hundt, along with most of the Police Department who were in attendance for the annual awards night.

Michael Kerr of Stonehenge Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

Announcements

None.

New Business

Mr. McHugh moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 27, 2017. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, as Mr. Lange was absent on February 27th. There were no comments from the Board or the public and the motion passed by a vote of 2-0, with Mr. Lange abstaining.

Mr. McHugh moved to approve the List of Expenditures and Interfund Transfers dated March 13, 2017. Mr. Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Service Award

Mr. Shoemaker invited Mary Hundt to assist in presenting the Community Service Award to Richard McDonnell. Dick is a lifelong resident of the Township—he grew up on Crumley Avenue and lives in northern Willistown today. Since 2004, Dick has been a member of the Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Board, including serving as Chairman for several years. As a coach and facilities director for Chester Valley Little League, he had interactions with Township administration over the development and continued improvements at Mill Park. Dick volunteered for the little league for a decade, continuing to serve even after his son had “graduated” from the league. He also supported his daughter’s love of softball and ensured that the fields at Mill Park could accommodate girls softball tournaments.

When he joined the Parks and Recreation Board, Dick was most interested in finding out more about the public's use of the Township parks and open spaces. Over the years, he made a point of ensuring that park and trail users’ had a voice in Township park and recreation planning. As a means to this end, public outreach and surveys provided valuable guidance to the Parks and Recreation Board—in Dick’s words, “the best design comes from the users.”

During his time on the Parks and Recreation Board, Dick was a familiar face at the Park Parties, he was part of the initiative to rehabilitate Greentree Park, he advised on the improvements at Mill Park, and he was a champion of the new trail in northern Willistown known as the Fox Hollow Trail.

In 2016, Dick retired from the Park and Recreation Board after over a decade of faithful service. Willistown Township thanks him for his notable contributions!

Award for Excellence in Recreation and Parks

Mr. Shoemaker announced that Willistown's outdoor reading and adventure program, Go WilMa!, has been selected as an Excellence in Recreation and Parks Awards recipient by the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society. Under the leadership of the Willistown Parks & Recreation Board and, in particular, our Director of Parks & Recreation, Mary Hundt, Go WilMa! beckons "Get Outside Willistown and Malvern". GO WilMa! is modeled after the Healthy York County Coalition's Get Outdoors York County program. Go WilMa! is an exciting and entertaining summer outdoor adventure program that encourages children in the Malvern vicinity (no residency requirements) to explore the natural and historic treasures of our area through a series of scavenger hunts. Kids and their families participate on their own schedule throughout the summer. Children are automatically signed up for GO WilMa! when they register for the National Summer Reading Program at Malvern or Paoli Library.

Resolution 12 of 2017:

Mr. McHugh moved to approved Resolution 12 of 2017:

A RESOLUTION HONORING SAMANTHA L. TAYLOR ON HER ACHIEVEMENT OF RECEIVING THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING, THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD AND FOR HER SERVICE TO WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP AND ITS CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township take pleasure in honoring

Samantha L. Taylor

In achieving Girl Scouts highest recognition, the Girl Scout Gold Award, on April 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Samantha has been participating in the Girl Scout program for a length of 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award requires a special commitment including hours of service, leadership skills and desire to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, it is young women like Samantha who set and achieve high standards for themselves who become the leaders of tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township does hereby offer its most sincere congratulations to Samantha for her superior achievement, and extends sincere wishes for good health, happiness and success in the years ahead.

Mr. Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the Public, and the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 12 of 2017.

Police Awards

Chief Narcise led those in attendance in recognizing the following:

1. Sergeant Hill and Officer Murrin in the apprehension of a burglary suspect.
2. Detectives Jones and Will in solving a \$900,000 theft case.
3. Detectives Jones and Will for their part investigating a case of child sex abuse and child pornography.
4. Officer Monroe for earning his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Rosemont College.

5. Officer Matt Brown for narrowly escaping an assault with a deadly weapon.
6. Detectives Jones and Heim who were tied in the vote for Officer of the Year.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Meeting Room at 688 Sugartown Road.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Burman
Secretary