

**Record of Proceedings:
West Chester Township Board of Trustees –
Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting**

January 12, 2016

Fiscal Officer Jones opened the Organizational meeting of the Board at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jones explained it was the annual Organizational meeting for the Board to be followed by the Regular meeting. Thereupon he opened the floor to nominations for President of the Board for 2016. Mr. Lang nominated Mr. Welch for President. Having no other nominations for President, nominations were closed. Mr. Wong asked if there was a second and Mr. Jones advised him that there was not a need for a second in the nomination process. Mr. Jones conducted a roll call vote on the nomination of Mr. Welch for President of the Board for 2016. Mr. Welch was elected West Chester Board of Trustees President for 2016.

Mr. Jones then opened the floor to nominations for Vice President of the Board for 2016. Mr. Welch nominated Mr. Lang and Mr. Wong nominated himself for Vice President. Mr. Wong proceeded to comment: Mr. Wong said he had received the highest number of votes. Furthermore, he said Mr. Lang and Mr. Welch appoint one another President and Vice-President, which he termed “perverted”. Mr. Lang responded by saying he, Mr. Wong, and Mrs. Stoker - when she was on the Board, did the same thing for the previous 6 years, leaving him out of leadership. Mr. Lang said he wouldn’t call the process created by the Ohio Revised Code perverted, and said he wasn’t interested in rotating the leadership roles. Mr. Wong responded by saying he served as Board President only once in the 12 years he’s been on the Board, reiterated that he felt the process was perverted, he thought they should take turns being President and Vice President, adding that absolute power corrupts.

Mr. Jones suggested the matter could be discussed toward the end of the meeting, but for purposes of organization they needed to address the two nominations on the floor, and procedurally they should address the first nomination, that being Mr. Welch’s nomination of Mr. Lang to be Vice-President: Mr. Welch and Mr. Lang voted affirmatively, and Mr. Wong voted in opposition. Mr. Lang was elected West Chester Board of Trustees Vice-President for 2016. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Wong if he agreed the vote settled the matter of the second nomination, or would he, Mr. Wong, want a roll call vote on his self-nomination to be Vice-President. Mr. Wong asked for a roll call vote on his nomination of himself to be Vice-President. Mr. Wong voted affirmatively, and Mr. Welch and Mr. Lang voted in opposition. Thereupon Mr. Jones recognized Mr. Welch as the President of the Board for 2016.

Convene: President Welch convened the Regular meeting at 6:04 p.m.
Roll Call: Mr. Welch, Mr. Lang, and Mr. Wong responded.
Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

Presentations

Proclamation – Live the Dream: Our Declaration of Unity Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mrs. Boyko noted this was the 17th year for this commemoration and presented the proclamation to Gayle Webster, event organizer. Ms. Webster said the event has outgrown its previous venue and will now begin at the Clock Tower and proceed to Lakota West High where a free lunch will be served march participants. She said the march would begin at noon on Monday, January 18th. She also identified related events that evening as well as a Black History Month lecture on February 25th at MidPoint Library. Mrs. Webster concluded by inviting everyone to these activities. Mr. Welch thanked her for her leadership in these events.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to set dates for 2016 Trustee Meetings for the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, starting at 6:00, with the exception of November when we'll meet on the 15th, and December when we'll meet on the 6th and 20th to accommodate holidays. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve payment of bills. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Boyko submitted the following requisitions greater than \$2,500:

Requisitions – Greater than \$2,500.00

1. Adm \$49,047.00 Frost Brown Todd, LLC – Legal services through November 2015 (various departments)

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve payment of requisition number 1. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Personnel Items

There were no personnel items.

Business Items

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to continue Township volunteer services, committees, and boards. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Boyko introduced the next item saying this item enables the transfer of a liquor permit fulfilling an economic development purpose for the receiving community, specifically. **MOTION** made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to acknowledge TopGolf USA West Chester LLC is a designated and continuing economic development project, and to allow the TREX liquor permit transfer without objection. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Boyko introduced the next item saying it was a procedural requirement given that the Township changed brokers. **MOTION** made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve Statutory Resolution No. 01-2016 adopting the Township's plan of operation and governance for electric governmental aggregation, and to authorize the Township Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said resolution. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Boyko introduced the next item saying the Board had previously approved petitioning ODOT to reduce the speed limit on Capstone Boulevard and Highland Greens Drive. ODOT concurred the statutorily approved speed limit of 55 MPH was unsubstantiated and authorized reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH. **MOTION** made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to accept Capstone Boulevard and Highland Greens Drive and journalize each at 25 mph with the provision all decorative signage and landscaping be maintained by the private property owners or by an HOA or POA if and when established. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading of Resolutions & Reading of Emergency Resolutions

There were no first readings of resolutions or readings of emergency resolutions.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

Second Reading & Vote on Pending Resolutions & Vote on Emergency Resolutions

There were no second readings & vote on pending resolutions, or vote on emergency resolutions.

Discussion Items & Elected Official Comments

Mr. Lang commented on the deplorable behavior of Cincinnati Bengal players and fans the previous Saturday, and contrasted that with the character and accomplishments of former Lakota West football player and current Alabama football standout Ryan Kelly. He praised Ryan for his dignity and how he carries himself as a role model.

Recess to Executive Session

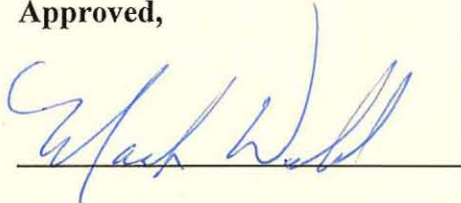
MOTION made at 6:21 p.m. by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to adjourn the meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Welch", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Welch, President

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