

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
JUNE WORKSHOP**

**JUNE 4, 2018**

Mr. Hutchison was absent.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Donna Leonardis introduced the Gloucester Township Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee, or GT C Back, which is an all-volunteer, non-partisan, apolitical group of Gloucester Township residents who will provide budget ideas to township officials. The committee will complete research, analyze data, and submit a report by November 1 of this year to assist with drafting the budget for next year by exploring new ideas to generate revenue and lower taxes. The committee would like to request a meeting space in the Gloucester Township Municipal Building every other Tuesday to meet with and work in partnership with Council and other township officials. Mrs. Trotto requested a list of the committee's members.

Peter Heighbaugh of Morningstar Court stated that this committee is focused solely on the Gloucester Township budget and municipal property tax. Mr. Heighbaugh stated he is part of the committee and is following through with the April Meetings where this idea was suggested. Mrs. Trotto asked how the committee reached out to the township. Mr. Heighbaugh stated through Facebook. Mrs. Trotto asked how this is bipartisan when the Facebook page has an agenda and not everyone in the township has Facebook so the sites are not reaching the entire demographics of the township.

Dave West of 32 Eaton Circle stated that the committee being discussed is apolitical and nonpartisan. Mr. West asked if council was willing to work with the committee. Councilwoman Stubbs stated that further discussion was needed.

Donna Leonardis stated that the committee will set up a different non-partisan page. Ms. Leonardis stated that she wanted to keep the committee manageable and productive.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION OF A ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION FOR LITTLE GLOUCESTER ROAD** – Mr. Mercado stated this discussion is for a zone change application from R1 to Highway/Commercial on Little Gloucester Road. Attorney Maury Cutler stated that his engineer, Mr. Miller, reviewed the 1999 Master Plan that changed the zoning across from Kmart to increase offices along that highway which hasn't happened. Mr. Bentivegna's use and property is more consistent with the master plan and would not impact the area and avoid hardship for Mr. Bentivegna. Mr. Mercado stated that it is an initial go ahead not a final decision. This will be forwarded to the planning board to consider how the site fits into sit backs for highway zone.
2. **DISCUSSION OF EVESHAM ROAD SPEED LIMIT "WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT"** – Chief Earle requested to amend the ordinance for the speed limit on Evesham Road to reflect a speed limit reduction from 35 mph to 25 mph near St. Theresa School.
3. **DISCUSSION OF SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON SALINA ROAD** - Chief Earle requested to amend the ordinance for the speed limit on Salina Road to reflect a speed limit reduction from 45 to 35 mph.
4. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO "CHAPTER 81"** – Chief Earle requested a Chapter 81 amendment regarding Royal Farms for broader authority for parking lot and quasi-public areas.
5. **DISCUSSION OF 2019 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** –
6. **DISCUSSION OF DECLARING DEFAULT ON GABLE COURT (A/K/A OLD COUNTRY LLC)** – Mr. Carlamere stated that Gable Court would be declared a default to get the streets up to par for the residents.

7. **DISCUSSION OF SLEETER PROPERTY** – Mr. Carlamere stated that the Sleeter family is making a request for application to preservation of their property. Jeffrey Lucas, commercial realtor, stated that the property is split into 2 zones and the front 7 acres, zoned commercial, will stay out of the preservation. The family applied to the State of New Jersey, but is asking Council for a letter of support. Mr. Mercado stated he is not opposed to supporting the application.

8. **DICUSSION OF AMENDING THE SOLICITOR/PEDDLER/VENDOR ORDINANCE** – Mr. Halprin, in regards to the Solicitor/Peddler/Vendor ordinance stated that in April, 17 peddlers came to his home and none of them had permits. Mr. Halprin stated that he doesn't know where the peddlers are coming from and he doesn't feel safe. Mr. Halprin stated that he called the police but was told it is not an emergency issue. Mr. Halprin read a transcript from Jen McLaughlin and explained how other townships address solicitors. Mr. Halprin stated that the ordinance is not being enforced. Mr. Halprin suggested signs be put up that state solicitation by permit is the ordinance remains, solicitation prohibited if the ordinance is removed. Mrs. Winters asked that current licensed companies receive a reminder email to wear identification.

9. **DISCUSSION OF A SHARED SERVICE FOR DIESEL AND UNLEADED FUEL** – Mr. Cardis stated that the Pine Hill MUA asked if they could fuel at Gloucester Township. Gloucester Township would add an additional 10 cents on each gallon of gas for a shared service agreement for fuel.

- Mr. Carlamere added on that the township's current Amusement Device Coin Operated Machines ordinance needs to be amended for the size of an operation like Dave & Buster's.

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**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

Mr. Mignone stated that this Saturday was the Last Field of Dreams game.

Mrs. Winters stated the Blackwood Lake Committee hosted Volunteer Night.

Mr. Owens stated that the Housing Authority paid bills.