

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Samuel Abatta called the regular meeting of March 5, 2012 to order at the Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Present, Cegelski-Present, Shiwarski-Present, Forquer-Present, Abatta-Present

PRESENTATION BY PARKWAY WEST ROTARY PROMOTING 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GERRY DULAC CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC.

Sam Duerr (Parkway West Rotary), thanked the Board for permission to address the Board. The Rotary is an international organization of service professionals. Over the years they have worked with Robinson Township charities such as Partners for Quality, Citizens Care, and the rotary shelter in Robinson Township at Clever Park. Twenty years later they are back to propose a stage project for Robinson Township Parks & Recreation. The golf outing has been around for 14 years and if they partnership with an organization or municipality, they do a lot better. Mgr. Bibro approached the Parks & Recreation Board and they came up with the stage project. This is something that the Rotary can get behind, that they would like to see.

Gerry Dulac stated that they came up with the idea last year that they wanted to be more specific with their charities. They pick out a certain community and decide on a project where a large portion of what is made can be donated towards the project. Last year they partnered with Kennedy Township. They are willing to make a two year commitment to the stage project for Robinson Township. The cost is projected to be \$10,000-\$12,000. They feel that over a two-year period they will be able to raise the money to fund the entire project. The cost is \$180.00 per person for the golfing event. The event is held at Diamond Run. There are silent and live auctions, putting contest, etc. The point is to try and get the community to back this event. The more the community support is received, the more it can give back to the Parks & Recreation. The Autumn Festival is bigger and better every year and the stage will come in handy.

Chairman Abatta stated that he has played in this particular outing and it truly is one of the better ones. Speaking for the Board, we are very pleased with what the Rotary has done for the Township already and we appreciate the fact that you are taking an interest in supporting us. It truly is a first class event.

Chairman Abatta requested that Mr. Bibro link all the information on the Township website so the residents are aware.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jerry Brouker (Coraopolis Rd.), the purpose of my presence tonight is to speak on just a few things that were said during last month's meeting. Linda Jakubec was to be here this evening as our chairperson to address the Board, but due to a death in her family she is unable to attend and I am here in her stead. At the advent of last month's meeting, it was made clear by Chairman Abatta that he wanted a professional meeting and did not want to have remarks made from the audience during its course. Unfortunately, Mr. Abatta also suggested that by definition, the meeting was to be for public comment only and asking questions was to be frowned upon. If the audience did not like or adhere to these rules, they would be thrown out of the meeting. Mr. Mapel later in the meeting inexplicably suggested that residents should stop making a preponderance of Right to Know requests because it was over-burdening the administration and that we should only do this when it was "important". I don't know how you define important. It may now be time to define some things for this Board, as Mr. Abatta attempted to do for us last month. Making Right to Know requests is the only way to properly request and gain public information from within our government. The public monthly meeting is the only chance that this community has to interact physically with its elected officials and thus the only chance to ask questions related to our government. By definition, all of you are public servants. By definition, all of you are paid by our local tax dollars. By definition, you work for us. We don't work for you. We had every right to ask questions at these meetings and to demand answers and accountability from our employees. You have the right to dismiss or ignore these questions and concerns. If you do so, the same questions will be asked again, again and again. We will go through the Press and you can ignore them also. If you choose to do that, I wonder which of us will come out looking badly, particularly when this Board consistently operates allegedly as a transparent government. In regards to conducting the meeting in a professional tone, we all agree. If you look back at the minutes of the past two years of meetings, you will not find any elected member of our committee ever coming to this microphone and personally attacking everyone. The same cannot be said however for certain members of the Board. Over and over again members of this community have been attacked at a personal level from your table, not from our seats.

Also, if any member of the Board has a question or differing opinion about any of our citizens comments, I wish they would be man or woman enough to address us as we stand here at the microphone. Don't wait until the end at Commissioners Comments to launch personal attacks or misrepresentations of facts. If you do that, we will respond back and you can throw us out of the meeting one by one. Again, I wonder which of us will look bad at that juncture. Finally, please remember that without highly questionable absentee ballot practices, you would not have won elections and you would not have the Board composition that you do. The last thing that I think you would want to do is

alienate or disenfranchise anyone else. We are every bit as strong as you, despite a 2 to 1 voter registration disadvantage and we are not going anywhere. We look forward to continued and transparent dialogue. Thank you for your time.

FINANCE UPDATE BY COMMISSIONER FORQUER

Vice-Chairman Forquer's Report is attached.

Vice-Chairman Forquer, the balance in the general fund of this a.m. was \$3,790,000. Our balance forward in the general account given at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was \$4,163,700. the market value of the police pension fund as of the close of business on March 2<sup>nd</sup> was \$10,160,600. This is up from the February meeting report which was \$10,030,600. On February 24<sup>th</sup> we had a meeting with PNC Bank and the Police to review the status of the current account holdings in the fund. The Police Pension Fund is funded every year by the Township and the State. Because a good portion of this account is in stock and bond funds, the account balance is subject to market volatility. Concerning the February Treasurer's Report, earned income tax transfers of \$99,400 were reported for the month. The year to date total was \$210,000. The amounts received represent payments from Centax from prior year. We don't expect to receive EIT payments from Jordan Tax Services for 2012 until April. LST collected in February was \$47,000, which brings the year to date total to \$132,000. Past history for this period shows that the high to date was \$159,000 and the low was \$59,000. Real Estate taxes including interim collected for February were \$7,000 and year to date brings the total to \$57,000. Real Estate delinquent taxes collected by Jordan and recorded for February were \$24,000 and year to date \$41,700. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Barb Swearingen will be with the auditors to begin work on the 2011 audit. Her current projection reflects 1.5 million balance forward from last year. We are still going through the process of arbitration with the police and hope to see a fair settlement soon.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON MARCH 5, 2012 FROM 5:15 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS. THE BOARD WILL TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION, IF ANY, FROM THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2012.

MOTION Mapel SECOND Forquer to approve the Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes dated February 6, 2012 as submitted.

Commissioner Cegelski stated that she will be abstaining due to the fact that she was not seated for the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Abstain, Shiwarski-Abstain, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 3 Yes, 2 Abstain.

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MOTION Mapel, SECOND Forquer to approve the Board of Commissioners Caucus Meeting Minutes dated February 7, 2012 as submitted.

Commissioner Cegelski stated that she will be abstaining due to the fact that she was not seated at that time.

Commissioner Shiwarski stated that he will be abstaining due to his absence from the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Abstain-Shiwarski-Abstain-Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 3 Yes, 2 Abstain.

MOTION to approve the February, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Forquer to approve the February, 2012 List of Bills

Commissioner Shiwarski questioned the bill for American Leak Detection?

Mgr. Bibro responded that they are doing some work at the pool. Before the pool opens, we will be re-visiting that issue. You will be seeing another invoice at that time.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0.

Mgr. Bibro stated that the Board was given a supplemental list of bills as well. The Motion should include this list.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Mapel to approve the March 2012 List of Bills

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Forquer to award the 2012 July 4<sup>th</sup> and Autumn Festival fireworks display to Pyrotechno in the amount of \$9,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and \$3500.00 for the Autumn Festival, which will be held on September 15, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to adopt Resolution No. 8 of 2012 amending the Township's fee schedule in relation to rates at the Clever Park Swimming Pool per the recommendation of the Township Manager.

Chairman Abatta stated that the increase is going to be \$10.00.

Mgr. Bibro responded that it is \$10.00 for a single pass and then it will incrementally decrease. It will be on our website, the newsletter and at the pool.

Chairman Cegelski stated that the fees are substantially less than what surrounding pools are charging and we will continue to be very gentle to our senior population.

Mgr. Bibro responded that this is correct.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to adopt Resolution No. 9 of 2012 to close out the Community Conservation Partnerships Grant project (BRC-TAG-13-204).

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Forquer to authorize Remington, Vernick & Beach Engineers, Inc. to advertise for potential bidders for the Township's 2012 Roadway Improvement Program.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Cegelski- SECOND Shiwarski to appoint Commissioner Samuel Abatta as the Township's alternate representative for the Char-West Council of Governments.

ROLL CALL: Maple-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Abstain  
4 Yes, 1 Abstain

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Cegelski to appoint Commissioner Jesse Forquer as the Township's representative to the Chartiers Valley Flood Control Authority.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Abstain, Abatta-Y.  
4 Yes, 1 Abstain

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Forquer to authorize the Robinson Township Civil Service Commission to initiate the process for creating a promotion list for the position of Police Sergeant.

Chairman Abatta stated, as discussed before, this is something that we are required to do in a timely fashion and will be conducted in accordance with the Civil Service Commission.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y  
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to advertise a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for the C-5 Zoning District to define and authorize Light Manufacturing as a permitted use in the C-5 Zoning District.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y  
M/C 5-0

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Mapel to hire Paul Morgan as a full-time secretary for the Robinson Township Police Department pursuant to conditions set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Robinson Township and the Laborers' District Council of Western Pennsylvania on behalf of Laborers' Local 1058 and contingent upon a successful completion of a drug test.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0.

MOTION to permit Maronda Homes, Inc. to begin paving operations at the McCormick Farms development prior to the May 15<sup>th</sup> requirement outlined in ordinance No. 245-23, Section G.

No Motion by the Board.

Chairman Abatta stated that he has an Addendum to the Agenda.

MOTION Cegelski, SECOND Shiwarski to promote Alan Marko to the position of Truck Driver in the Public Works Department with compensation and benefits in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement for Robinson Township and Local 1058.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0

### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Mapel, I would like to welcome new Commissioner Bobbie Cegelski to the Board. We have had several opportunities to talk and discuss some of the issues that we will labor over and I believe that Bobbie has all of the credentials, experience, wisdom, desire and energy to be a wonderful asset to this Board and the Township. I am very much looking forward to serving our community with her. At this time I would like to express my deepest sympathy on behalf of myself and my family to Jane Tallon and her entire family. Every one that knew and loved Dan feels a loss and we will for a long time to come. Dan's legacy of conducting Township business with mutual respect for the opposition and in keeping our taxpayers informed of how their business is being managed with efficiency and professionalism will however, I trust, live on. Jane, if you are watching this evening, I hope that you and your family know that you have our thoughts and prayers.

As an advocate of mutual respect and consideration for others, I express with the following remarks, no disrespect to Linda Jakubec Suess. I have nothing but the highest regard and respect for educated, professional women. Believe what I say in this regard. I am married to one. I believe that the people from Robinson need to understand a different point of view concerning matters of fact. Ms. Jakubec's comments from the February meeting and her comments found in her letter to the editor in the February 23, 2012 edition of the Post Gazette West, Ms. Jakubec has chosen to ignore the explanation read by Chairman Abatta from Section 530 of the handbook of how a First Class Township Code mandates vacancies. We followed that procedure to the letter. I would remind Ms. Jakubec that much time and effort has been invested in the first couple of months of this year filling two vacancies created by people supported by Ms. Jakubec and her committee. Filling these vacancies with people we can work with means having confidence that they won't turn their backs on the commitment they make to the people of Robinson Township, as did Mr. Ritter and Ms. Triko. In regards to Ms. Jakubec's comments about credentials about MBA's and CPA's of the people she and her committee have endorsed to fill the prior vacancies. Let me remind her that we already have one of each. How many does she think we need? Commissioner Forquer was rebuked by Ms. Jakubec for making reference to former Commissioner Triko as not much more than a TV personality. It is this Commissioner's opinion that a Commissioner with more than one term of office experience should commit to more than the critique of his or her colleagues and chair a committee or department. Finally, on the subject of transparency in our local government, at the February meeting we heard Ms. Jakubec tell us reasons why we should appoint Ms. Malinsky. We also heard Mr. Brouker say some of the same things. For the record, in last November's election, Ms. Jakubec endorsed her brother-in-law Mike Malinsky for Commissioner. She also endorsed Scott Suess, her husband, for Montour school director. Mostly recently she endorsed herself for the open Commissioners seat by submitting her own resume for Ms. Triko's vacated seat. This

confuses me. Why would Ms. Jakubec Sues endorse Mr. Malinsky while applying for that very same position herself? It appears clear that Ms. Jakubec Sues and her family by recent activities and comments, desires to take control of not only the Montour School District, but also the Township of Robinson. It is very disturbing to me to see Mr. Sues and Ms. Jakubec seated at public meetings not seated together, acting as if they don't even know each other. Is this transparency? We have explained how the First Class Township Code requires that we the governing body fill vacancies that require appointment. That is what the people elected us to do on their behalf and that is exactly what we have done. When our judgement is questioned, so is the judgement of the people that elected us to serve them. As I have said in the past, one cannot uplift themselves by downgrading others. Let us put our differences aside and work together to make Robinson Township the best community that it can be for our neighbors and our families. Finally, let me encourage everyone to participate in something positive. Robinson Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. It would be very encouraging to see some of our republican committee friends participate this year and help us clean up our township.

Commissioner Cegelski, good evening Robinson Township residents. I am extremely honored to have been appointed to the position of Robinson Township Commissioner by my fellow Commissioners that I join together with tonight. I accept all of the responsibilities that this appointment brings with it and that their trust has entitled me to. Robinson Township has certainly grown in leaps and bounds since the time when my parents made the initial decision to move here. At that time, our claim to fame was a great Montour football team and we had a Murphy's Mart up on Route 60. Life seemed to be much simpler then and I am sure that the decisions that needed to be made by the governing body of Robinson were as well. Now Robinson Township is a hub of activity and much more complex and so are all of the decisions that the governing body of this fine Township need to make. I am fully prepared to give that type of commitment to the Township. We have that winning Montour football team back again. I believe the qualities that led me here tonight were gained over a lifetime of being committed to public service as an educator and that as an association leader, where the knowledge of leadership, governance, negotiations and personal issues are fundamental concepts and the understanding of such paramount. Let me assure you that in my role as a Commissioner, the principles that will guide me are those of professionalism and the due diligence required to educate myself to the facts of a situation prior to casting any vote that affects the citizens of Robinson Township. It is my intent to justify my appointment as Commissioner by serving you to the best of my ability and the knowledge and the gain the residents trust in me and I thank you for that opportunity. So far in my short period of time, I have attended the Char-West Council of Government meetings for the newly elected or appointed officials and I have become acquainted with the many resources that we have. It was a very nice evening and very informative for me. In addition, I did read the entire Commissioners Handbook that Aaron sent to me promptly after being appointed. I welcome being here tonight and I really look forward to serving the Township of Robinson.



Commissioner Shiwarski, just some very brief comments. I would like to echo Commissioner Maple's sentiments about Commissioner Cegelski. I welcome you aboard. Your enthusiasm for the job hopefully is appreciated by the residents as much as it is by me. It is very contagious and genuine. I also look forward to working with you and all of the expertise that your professional life brings to the Board. I appreciate your offer to serve.

My deepest sympathies go out to Jane Tallon and her family. No matter how we move from this point, will have Dan's influence. I know that I owe Dan a great deal and I hope that he continues to influence my decisions.

I am going to try and stay out of some of the verbal battleground that we have over the appointment of Bobbie as a Commissioner. However, I know that this Board followed the letter of the law and the spirit of the law on how we appointed the Commissioner. I cannot believe that there is anybody more qualified that applied for the job than Bobbie. Also, I think it is very important that it is recognized how concise and how efficient a meeting can be run when the people that are sitting on this Board do not have an agenda other than to serve the residents of this Township. I know that I don't forget that my job is to serve the residents of the Township and I don't think anybody here forgets that. Again, you take tonight's meeting, there were a lot of positive aspects to it. The meeting did not have a lot of acrimony and definitely no grandstanding and I think that is the way that government should function. That is one of the reasons why I ran originally two elections ago so that this is the way that Robinson Township is represented that it is not a continual nighttime serial.

Vice Chairman Forquer, Bobbie, I also would like to welcome you to the Board tonight. I think you are going to do very well from what I see. You have some skills and experience in labor negotiations that I think are going to help us.

I am the representative for the Congress of Local Governments. I attended the last meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Stowe Township. They have a beautiful municipal building. I have not seen another one like it. Also, Allegheny County Council Member Michael Finnerty was at that meeting and spoke about County property-wide assessments. I did get forms from his for appeals and I gave them to our Treasurer's office. The next COG meeting is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> in Greentree Borough.

Since the last meeting, some important issues have surfaced that need addressed. It is important that the public understands that whether appointed or elected, it is the Treasurer who decides how real estate taxes are to be collected. We as a Board can determine the budget for the office and we have an obligation to fund that office with a certain amount of money, but we cannot really tell the Treasurer how to go about his job. Doug Perkey, the Deputy Treasurer expressed an interest in keeping the Treasurer's office open. Our Board reviewed other options, but decided to accept Doug's offer. Due to the issues that

we were currently dealing with, we decided the best option was to go with Doug. He has agreed to accept payment from the Township for his services and for his office expenses, in line with the amount of other municipalities. Mr. Bibro did some research and we know what those amounts of money were. Doug will also receive a check from the school district, as did Ed Ritter. In addition, the Treasurer's office is paid to issue certificates confirming that taxes have been paid. Those payments will serve as additional compensation for Doug's services. The Township also received a check from the school district to pay for operational expenses. However, because Ed Ritter never negotiated a contract with the school district, I strongly believe that the compensation currently provided by the school district to our other Treasurers and municipalities, is likely more than our Township Treasurer's office than we are currently receiving. Since the window of opportunity to negotiate a contract to collect school property taxes is not possible until the first couple of months after the first municipal election for Treasurer in 2014, we are stuck with the current lack of contract situation that we are in right now. In the meantime, we are considering enacting open records to obtain the school district's payment history to other municipalities and tax collectors.

In my view, given the circumstances when Ed Ritter resigned two years before the end of his term, giving us little notice, I believe our Board reacted promptly and made a good decision in appointing Doug Perkey. Notably Doug was appointed by a unanimous vote by the Board. In addition to Doug's college degree, he has several years experience as an office manager and six years of experience in the tax office using Pro Soft software. He was also responsible for the tax collection and disbursement of the Tax Increment Financing Districts. Doug is experienced in handling the change orders and the interim tax billings. During the billing period and peak times of the tax collection periods, it is the plan to have an administrative staff member assist Doug. I find it incredible that someone has raised an issue about the adequate financial controls between the tax office and the office of administration given the sweeping changes that have been made to our financial management and the qualifications of our staff. First of all, our Township Manager Aaron Bibro has a master's degree from Villanova University in economics. Barbara Swearingen has a degree in accounting and is a CPA has other certifications and has held positions as an auditor. Another part of Barbara's job description is to provide oversight of the tax office. In addition, Doug Perkey under the law, has the right to examine and provide input concerning the accounting matters in the office of administration. We have checks and balances here. In fact, Doug has been the contact in the Treasurer's Office that Barbara has been working with since she was hired. He is a member of our finance committee and I look forward to working with him. Notably, since 2009, our audits have been done promptly and professionally by the auditing firm of Mark Turnley. His firm was recommended to us by George Scarborough, Director of Char-West Council of Governments. They have done an excellent job for us. All I can say is that we are very proud of our staff and we continually are looking for ways to do things better and find ways to cut costs without cutting services. As many of you know, one of my interests as a candidate was better financial management. I was appointed by the Board to chair the finance committee and working together we accomplished a lot my two years in office. On another front, you will be hearing about some serious issues

dealing with the Tax Increment Financing Districts associated with the mall, J.C. Partners and the peripheral district in the near future. We are trying to resolve those problems in a good way. These issues were unearthed as a result of an audit that I requested by our Finance Manager, Barbara Swearingen. At my request on September 15, 2011 our financial manager, solicitor and myself met with the Montour School District administration to inform them of our findings regarding the TIF issues. The purpose of that meeting was to establish a joint cooperative effort to resolve TIF issues of common interest. Our Township has been leading the charge to resolve these issues and we hope that the Montour School District as well as Allegheny County will follow our lead. We are trying to operate a government at our meetings and it is not intended to be a non-stop political debate. I refuse to use my position like people who portray themselves as professionals connecting themselves with people who are acting anything but professional. If people are coming to that microphone and saying that I was not harassed up there, they are not telling you the truth. I was giving my finance report and in the middle of my report they break up laughing and one of them took his hand and made a signal like he was going to shoot me. This harassment has been going on for some time and it has also been going on in letters to the editor with false information. I never ran for office frequently and I never had my signs in the last election attached to anybody but my own. Every Board member here took an oath of office to perform their duties as Commissioners and make decisions in the best interest of the people of our Township. I did not get elected to sit here and role play at meetings for those with political ambitions who want to win the next election. I was elected to help solve problems not to become one of them. I was elected to serve the people of this Township and I believe that all of our current Commissioners feel the same way I do.

Chairman Abatta, I have a couple of short comments. First and foremost is welcoming Ms. Cegelski to the Board. You have my whole-hearted support. I was behind you 100% when I made my decision to appoint you to this seat. I think you are going to do a fantastic job. All of my accolades I will save for a later date. I am glad to have you on board.

I do not want to reiterate or repeat anything that I said at the last couple meetings on tape. You understand what my feelings are as far as Mr. Tallon is concerned. Dan was not only a very close personal friend, but he was someone that I looked up to as far as serving in the public eye and I really miss him. The Township is missing Dan and again, I just want to pass my condolences on to you Jane and your family. You know how much I appreciated and loved the individual. You know my true feelings.

In regards to meetings, I think today was a prime example of the way things will be run from here on in. This is not going to be a circus atmosphere. This is going to be a very efficient and professional forum for people to express their concerns and to have their concerns remedied. I am happy to announce that I was contacted by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald's executive assistant and asked to be on the interdepartmental transition

team for Allegheny County. I did not have to think too hard about the position. I accepted it. What it is going to do is help Robinson Township and Allegheny County to work together for common causes. I will be keeping you more informed on some of the guidelines that I will be following and some of the issues that we will be dealing with. Anything that I can do to make the Township better, I will do.

Lastly, a short Parks Report. Our Easter egg hunt is at Clever Park's Rotary Shelter on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please come out and enjoy a warm and sunny day at the Park. The giant Easter egg hunt will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Easter bunny will be escorted to the Park riding on a Forest Grove Fire Truck. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be offered at a cost of \$2.00. We will have a variety of games and activities for the children. Our annual community flea market will be held at the Burkett Sports and Recreation Complex on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$15.00 for a 10 x 10 space. You will need to provide your own table. For more information you can call 412-788-2822 or 412-859-0902. All proceeds will benefit our Township Autumn Festival. For any other information you can visit our Township website.

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Cegelski-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Merks  
Secretary