

**HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 17, 2018 • 3:30 PM**

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair
William Donnelly
Dr. Curtis Griffin
Mark McCouch (absent)

HLRA Staff

Michael J. McGee
Tom Ames
Larry Burns
William Walker
Mary Eberle, Esquire

Chairman Whiteside called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Horsham Township Library's Community Room at 435 Babylon Road, Horsham PA 19044 and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there were any questions or comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on July 18, 2018. It was moved by Mr. Donnelly, second by Ms. Furia to approve the minutes for the July 18, 2018 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked Mr. McGee for the Executive Director's Report.

Mr. McGee briefed the Board on the EPA's PFC Listening Session held on July 25, 2018 at the Hatboro-Horsham High School. The event was well attended with 100's in attendance throughout the day long session. Representatives from the HLRA, Horsham Township and the Horsham Water & Sewer Authority briefed the EPA on the issues and impacts of PFC on the local communities. Mr. McGee pointed out that many individuals to include Mr. Walker and himself also provided input to the regulators. Horsham has received nationwide notoriety and it was good that the listening session was held here.

Mr. McGee also noted that the issue of PFCs dominated the recent Base Redevelopment Forum sponsored by the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) held in Portland, ME in early October 2018. There were several panels discussing PFC impacts nationwide and one of the speakers noted that base closure communities were lucky that the Federal government was involved to address the contamination; other communities were not so fortunate as industries can declare bankruptcy and close up shop.

Mr. McGee also advised the Board that the HLRA staff has had several meetings with EPA officials, trying to get information and insuring that the HLRA Redevelopment Plan is known within the Agency. The people in EPA Region 3 are working hard on the issues but the control of the program is in Washington, DC. He noted that the Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) for the Southeast Clear Zone parcel is being reviewed by EPA at the Washington DC office apparently they have concerns over the language in the document relating to asbestos, lead-based paint and pesticides. There is no clear date as to when the FOST will be released but it is good that these questions are being addressed at this time.

Mr. McGee stated that the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) is still being extended on a month to month basis as requested by Catellus. The HLRA cannot proceed with negotiations until a remedy for the PFC contamination is known. Catellus remains very interested in the project; Greg Weaver, Catellus' Vice President, attended the July 25, 2018 EPA Listening session in Horsham.

Mr. McGee asked Mr. Walker to update the Board on Horsham Township's efforts to address the PFC contamination within the local community. Mr. Walker reviewed the Short Term and Long-Term Remediation Action Plans with status of the various HWSA wells and recent test results. As of today, the HWSA system wide average is 4 parts per trillion combined PFOA/PFOS, a level much more stringent than the levels set by EPA and PADEP. He also provided current status of the effort to connect private homeowners to the public water system as well as the efforts by the Navy and the Air National Guard to limit exposure of the PFC compounds in stormwater leaving the bases. A copy of his presentation is attached.

Mr. McGee confirmed that a Restoration Advisory Board ("RAB") Meeting had taken place on September 13, 2018 and asked Mr. Ames to provide comments on the event.

Mr. Ames noted the RAB Meeting of September 13, 2018 was again an evening meeting and attendance was similar to previous meetings. The Navy's presentation included information on the Site 5 remediation; good conditions exist for the bio-remediation of the volatile organic compound (VOC) contamination and there is evidence of decreasing trends of VOCs. For Sites 3 and 12, the draft Feasibility Study Reports have been released and the Navy expects to select a final remedy in 2019. The HLRA staff expects the remedy will be to install a cap over the landfills. Regarding the PFC contamination, the Navy's priority continues to be to eliminate exposure to PFOA/PFOS above the EPA Lifetime Health Advisory Level in drinking water. The Navy has funded (through the HWSA) connection of private residences to the HWSA system, filtration systems on five HWSA public water supply wells and reimbursement for other costs, totaling over \$16M to date. The Navy is also continuing to investigate the PFC contamination. The Phase 1 RI Report is scheduled to be issued in 2018 with additional investigations planned. The soil removal project is just starting, with the contractor on-site this week. The Horsham Air Guard's RAB presentation noted the results of their investigations including the fact that there are wide spread detections of PFC compounds at the HAGS location. The presentation included resulting of recent sampling of stormwater at the base. Mr. Ames noted that the Air Guard's presentation on the temporary treatment system at their stormwater retention basin included much of the same information presented in Mr. Walker's brief earlier in the meeting. The Air Guard is also working with PADEP on NPDES permits relating to stormwater discharges and to allow use of the former Navy supply wells to provide drinking water to the base.

Mr. Ames also confirmed that after the September 13, 2018 RAB Meeting, the PA Department of Health made a presentation regarding their pilot blood testing program. As of the date of the meeting, they had received consent forms from 302 individuals with blood samples drawn from 213 individuals. Individuals that were tested will receive their results in the mail.

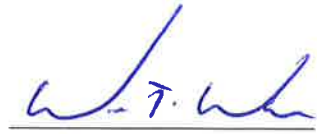
Mr. Whiteside asked Ms. Eberle for the Solicitor's Report. Ms. Eberle stated that she continues to support the Board and staff on the issues at hand, in particular the environmental concerns.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Ms. Furia, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$72,895.76. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside inquired of Mr. McGee if there was any additional new business. Mr. McGee confirmed he had none.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on January 16, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the Horsham Library Community Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.



William T. Walker
HLRA Secretary