

HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY • July 16, 2025 • 3:30 PM

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair

Eric Coombs

Mark McCouch

HLRA Staff

Michael Shinton

Tom Ames

William Gildea-Walker

Not Present:

Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair

Joseph Wade

Chairman Whiteside called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Building at 1025 Horsham 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. There were none.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on April 16, 2025. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Coombs, to approve the minutes for the April 16, 2025 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Shinton noted that a financial update had been sent out at the end of last week.

Mr. Shinton continued with the following updates:

- Our request to the DOD Office of Local and Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) to extend the current grant period and to transfer funds between categories has been approved. As noted at the last HLRA Board meeting, OLDCC is no longer accepting grant applications to support LRA's.

- Operational funding for 2026 will come from a MIRIA grant.
- The EDC Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the Reciprocal Easements Agreement (REA) have been reviewed by the Navy and there were no additional comments. We are working jointly with the Navy to finalize the exhibits to each document.
- In May 2025, we participated in meeting with the Navy, EPA and PADEP to discuss different paths forward concerning the transfer of property and the required covenants that the government must issue with the deeds. One option may be a deferred covenant for the PFAS contamination in groundwater as the steps required to install a remedy and show that it is operating successfully are years away.
- Michael Baker International is continuing to work on the conceptual designs for the proposed roadways across the base. Horsham Township has authorized design of the Norristown Road extension and field work including wetlands delineation is underway.
- Also Horsham Township is taking steps to change the zoning for the former base property consistent with the HLRA Redevelopment Plan.
- Horsham Township is also updating the Official Map for the base property as another step for redevelopment. This will reserve portions of the base for public uses including roads, utilities, parks and open space.
- The HLRA staff have continued to participate in meetings with the township, Horsham Water and Sewer Authority and local utilities to continue planning efforts to be better prepared for redevelopment of the base property. Separately, HLRA staff met with Hatboro Horsham School District officials to stay current with their plans.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, seconded by Mr. Coombs, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$198,173.30 covering the period April 17, 2025 to July 16, 2025. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside stated that the HLRA Board will hold an Executive Session after the HLRA Board Meeting to discuss a matter of real estate.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on October 15, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. T. Gildea-Walker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William Gildea-Walker
HLRA Secretary