

**Millcreek Township Government Study Commission
Regular Meeting**

July 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Millcreek Township Government Study Commission (GSC) was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Paul Vojtek in the Assembly Room of the Millcreek Township Municipal Building. In attendance were Paul Vojtek, Art Oligeri, John DiPlacido, Bill Schaaf, James DeDad, Donna Shaw and Robert Zonna; Alternates Bob Enas, Kim Huff, and Douglas Krugger; PA DCED Local Government Specialist Mary Ammann and Sheryl Williams. ALOM/Public Partner Consultants Toby Cordek and Michael Foreman were also present. Absent were Alternates Nancy Shea, Marcia Terry and Suzanne Weber. Roll call was taken.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, Mr. Vojtek called for public comment on agenda items. Millcreek Township resident Ann Silverthorn amended and clarified some of her statements made at the previous meeting on June 23, 2025 regarding the cost of the 2012 Government Study Commission, and apologized to Planning Commissioner Doug Prozan and Millcreek resident Grant Filbeck for questioning their figures on the 2012 study.

On motion by Mr. Schaaf, seconded by Mr. Oligeri, the minutes of the June 23, 2025 regular meeting were approved as amended by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion by Mr. DeDad, seconded by Ms. Shaw, bills in the amounts of \$723.30 for Recording Secretary services in June, and from Werkbot for \$412.34 were approved for payment by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee Chairman James DeDad reported that the budget is on track with a balance of \$44,553.59 before the payment of tonight's bills.

Local Government Structure Committee Chairman John DiPlacido stated there is no report from his committee, as it did not meet this past month.

Public Outreach, Public Relations, Public Education and Promotions Committee Chairman Art Oligeri reported that James DeDad will be doing the social media spot this month, and Donna Shaw and James DeDad will be doing the WICU "blue couch" interview at the end of the month. Mr. Oligeri reported no problems with the website or Facebook, and announced that an article will be included in the August issue of *In Millcreek* magazine. He announced tentative Town Hall Meeting dates of September 8, 22 and October 6, which will hinge upon the school district's approval and finalization of the annual district calendar.

Mr. Oligeri reported that the Executive Committee will be finishing the draft Final Report, which will be filed before the end of the month.

Committee of the Whole

There was no report from the Committee of the Whole.

New Business

Mr. Vojtek reported that the GSC received a letter from the Township's Board of Supervisors regarding information the commission distributed throughout the Township and how it relates to Township policy. He stated that the consultants advised him that GSC is not an entity of the Township and was formed

under the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plan Law of Pennsylvania. Therefore, the GSC does not have to adhere to Township policy. However, he emphasized that the GSC strives to distribute accurate information, and Mr. Wojtek reported that he responded to the Township stating this.

Mr. Wojtek reported that Alternate Nancy Shea submitted a notice of resignation. On motion by Mr. DeDad, seconded by Mr. Oligeri, and amended by Mr. Schaaf, Ms. Shea's resignation was accepted by unanimous roll call vote with regret and thanks.

Mr. Wojtek announced that there may be a need to advertise for a special meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025 to vote on the draft Final Plan, if it is ready. On motion by Mr. Oligeri, seconded by Mr. DiPlacido, it was carried by unanimous roll call vote to direct the Recording Secretary to advertise a special public meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the draft Final Plan and to consider any other business that may come before the commission. The consultants noted that the final report can be amended if there is a significant development or piece of information that has been left out, but must be adopted and filed before September 3rd.

Other Business

Mr. Schaaf asked if there were any concerns with the current Right-to-Know Appeal, to which Mr. Wojtek stated that he was unaware of any concerns.

Public Comment

Millcreek resident Gerald Servidio held up the election pamphlet that the GSC distributed during the Primary Election and questioned some of the wording on it, suggesting that the commission is getting close to "crossing a line" by recommending unanimous approval by the voters, or actively endorsing an outcome of the election. He also pointed out that many of the Townships that were researched have had the same form of government for over forty (40) years, and asked why Bensalem Township went from a manager/council to a mayor/council form of government. He also questioned the results of some of the interviews with other Townships, stating that more information could have been researched and that there could be more transparency, opining that the GSC is rushing the process.

Millcreek resident Candy Horm opined that the Township Supervisors were trying to take away the GSC's freedom of speech regarding their request to vet GSC information that they distribute to residents, and asked if Millcreek Township is a corporation.

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Commissioner R.J. Zonna thanked Mr. Servidio for his comments and willingness to listen to the Commission. He stated that the current form of government is not bad, but opined that Millcreek should have had the foresight to change its form of government years ago because it is no longer the right fit for Millcreek.

Mr. Schaaf opined that the government study is not an attack on the current form of government and what the Supervisors do, but rather about how the government should be run in the future, and again stressed that this is just his opinion. He added that the commission came to its conclusion due to an accumulation of many different points regarding how Townships operate.

Mr. Wojtek addressed Mr. Servidio's comments and assured him that the commission will be mindful of the appropriate spending of taxpayer dollars. He was not sure if Millcreek Township is a corporation, but Consultant Toby Cordek confirmed that it is a municipal corporation under state law.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:07 pm on motion by Mr. Schaaf, seconded by Mr. Oligeri.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A. Williams,
Recording Secretary

Approved August 11, 2025

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John DiPlacido, Secretary