

**Millcreek Township Government Study Commission
Special Public Meeting**

July 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Millcreek Township Government Study Commission (GSC) was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Art Oligeri in the Assembly Room of the Millcreek Township Municipal Building. In attendance were Paul Vojtek (via telephone), Art Oligeri, John DiPlacido, Bill Schaaf, James DeDad, Donna Shaw and Robert Zonna; Alternates Bob Enas, Kim Huff, Douglas Krugger, Marcia Terry and Suzanne Weber; PA DCED Local Government Specialist Mary Ammann and Sheryl Williams. ALOM/Public Partner Consultants Toby Cordek and Michael Foreman were also present. Roll call was taken.

Mr. Oligeri announced the purpose of the Special Public Meeting, which was for the Government Study Commission to consider approval of the Final Plan Report and any other business that may come before the Commission.

Mr. Oligeri called for Public Comment on Agenda Items. There was no public comment.

On motion by Mr. DeDad, seconded by Mr. Vojtek, the June invoice from ALOM/Public Partners for \$11,498.90, and invoices from Knox Law Firm for \$325.00 and \$1300.00 were approved for payment by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business

Consideration of the Government Study Commission Final Plan Report. Mr. Oligeri reported that there was discussion regarding the inclusion of a bar graph showing a comparison of legal fees with other townships in the final report. Consultant Toby Cordek interjected to advise that a motion and second should be made first before opening discussion on the final report.

It was moved by Mr. DiPlacido and seconded by Mr. Vojtek to approve the Final Plan Report of the Millcreek Government Study Commission. Mr. Cordek explained that Appendix C has a numerical table in it, and some of the members suggested they would like to see a bar graph there, so Alternate Bob Enas created a bar graph from the numerical data. Mr. Cordek explained that the new bar graph could be inserted into the report since it was not a change of the draft, but rather in the form of how the information was presented. There was discussion about whether or not to include data from 2024, but Mr. Cordek advised that DCED has only certified the legal costs for Townships through 2023, and therefore only those numbers should be included in the Final Report.

It was moved by Mr. Vojtek, seconded by Mr. Zonna and carried by unanimous roll call vote to insert the bar graph of legal fees into the Final Report. Mr. Cordek suggested the addition of the words "and two Supervisors" on p. 10 of the report, and noted that any other minor grammatical and spelling corrections can be made without a formal motion. Mr. Oligeri asked the Commissioners if they had any other comments in general regarding the content of the report. Mr. DiPlacido thanked his fellow Commissioners, stated that the report is all inclusive and that the Commission has been as transparent as possible.

Mr. Schaaf yielded his time to the Alternates to explain any changes they would like to see in the report. Ms. Weber recommended a few grammatical changes that should be made.

Ms. Shaw asked for clarification where the report can be seen after it is finished, but Mr. Oligeri replied that this will be announced after the vote. He then stated that the document is still a draft until it is

approved, but after approval it will be made public and posted on the website. Mr. DeDad stated that this report summarizes all that has been done to date, is an “easy read” and is “to the point.”

Mr. Oligeri listed all of the Commission’s tasks and accomplishments since its inception and explained the ways in which they compared Millcreek to other Townships and their forms of government. Mr. Wojtek apologized for not being at the meeting due to family obligations and thanked everyone for their diligence and hard work on the Commission thus far. Mr. Zonna added that they are on schedule and have followed their planned timeline.

Mr. Oligeri then reviewed the motion to approve the Final Plan Report and called for the vote. Motion to approve the Final Plan Report carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Other Business

Mr. Oligeri asked if there was any discussion on whether to cancel the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2025. Mr. Schaaf suggested that it might be an opportunity for the public to ask questions, but Mr. Wojtek and Mr. Zonna felt that a public forum would be a better use for answering questions. Discussion ensued regarding the procedure for cancellation of the meeting, and what to do if there is an error in the report language or a substantive change. Mr. Cordek advised that the August 11, 2025 meeting would give the Commission more time to prepare the report for public review in its final form as discussed at today’s meeting.

It was then moved by Mr. Wojtek, seconded by Mr. DeDad and carried 6-1, with Mr. Schaaf voting no, to authorize the cancellation of the July 28, 2025 regular meeting and to reconvene on August 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Millcreek resident Gerald Servidio read a portion of the duties of the GSC from the DCED website, stating that the 4th step is drafting a report, the 5th step is review and public discussion of the report which usually involves public hearings, and various meetings with officials and legal counsel, and the 6th step is writing the final report, printing, proofreading and submitting the report to the municipal secretary and voters. Mr. Servidio pointed out that it seems that a step was skipped somewhere, and that there was no discussion with questions at tonight’s meeting. He also claimed that some questions were answered, but mostly that citizens were limited to only making comments at the public meetings. He noted that not all forms of government were studied as stated at tonight’s meeting, specifically the Home Rule Charter and Mayor/Council forms of government. He also claimed that he does not believe that he has received all of the notes taken at various interviews and meetings that he requested in his Right-to-Know requests.

Millcreek resident Candy Horm thanked the Commission for all the work that they have done and relayed that she is praying for the members of the GSC.

Former Supervisor and Auditor John Groh thanked the Commission for their efforts, encouraged residents to read the report, and opined that a change in government in Millcreek was long overdue. He noted that in 2015, the Supervisors voted to put the question on the ballot to change the form of government, but it failed. He then stated that in 2011 the Supervisors voted not to put the question on the ballot, but because the residents launched a petition drive it was put on the ballot and passed. He stressed the importance of voting in November this year.

GSC Alternate Kim Huff stated that she became a member of the 2023 Concerned Millcreek Citizens group to learn more about Millcreek’s form of government and the Second Class Township Code. She explained that as the process unfolded, she learned that the commissioners did not have a preconceived opinion of what form of government they preferred, but rather spent many hours learning

about the various options available. She encouraged people to not look backward into the past, but rather to look forward into the future of Millcreek Township.

GSC Alternate Suzanne Weber commended the commissioners for their hard work and tried to clarify a comment made at a previous meeting regarding an email claiming that the Commission had already made up its mind about recommending the Council/Manager optional government. She stated that it was an email from ALOM/Public Partners to another township regarding an upcoming meeting on February 18, 2025 in Cranberry Township to discuss that township's current Council/Manager form of optional government, but stressed that it did not say that Millcreek's GSC had already made up its mind.

Good of the Order:

Mr. Oligeri asked to make a statement for the public record. He claimed that there were four (4) types of optional forms of government that the Commission planned to study, and that none of them were dismissed until the May 12, 2025 meeting, when the Commission voted on its recommendation, and that the minutes will substantiate this. Secondly, he relayed that the Committee (Concerned Citizens of Millcreek) held three (3) press conferences in front of the municipal building and at no time did anyone dismiss any of the optional forms of government, noting that they had not even studied them yet. He stated that he has copies of the press conferences, and that minutes of all of the meetings will show that at no time did any of the commissioners make any statements dismissing any of the optional forms of government. He emphasized that there was no preconceived plan to choose one particular form of optional government at any time. He closed his comments by noting that the Commission spent many, many hours over the last seven (7) months reading and studying the various types of government with no compensation, but did this only for the good of Millcreek.

Consultant Toby Cordek announced that there will be four (4) public outreach forums or town hall meetings that the Commission is planning, the first scheduled for September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belle Valley Fire Department. Once all of the meetings and locations have been finalized, they will be advertised and posted on social media as well.

Mr. Zonna encouraged everyone to enjoy the beautiful summer and especially urged his fellow commissioners to take a few weeks off and relax.

Mr. Oligeri reported that Mr. DeDad will be doing the Social Media spot for August, and that Mr. DeDad and Ms. Shaw will be participating in the next WICU "blue couch" interview.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:25 pm on motion by Mr. Schaaf, seconded by Ms. Shaw.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A. Williams,
Recording Secretary

Approved August 11, 2025

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

John DiPlacido, Secretary

