

PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2020

PRESENT: Dawn Corcoran-Gardella, Joanna Drennan, and Mayor Brian Wahler.

Ms. Corcoran-Gardella called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Corcoran-Gardella made the following Statement, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Notice of this meeting was published in the Courier News on February 5, 2020. Notice is posted on the Bulletin Boards of the Piscataway Municipal Building, the Municipal Court and the two Municipal Libraries. Ms. Corcoran-Gardella asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

Ms. Corcoran-Gardella announced that the purpose of this meeting is to hold a hearing to solicit ideas for needed improvements and projects in the Township of Piscataway for the use of the funds the Township will receive from the federal government. We estimate receiving approximately \$286,132.00.

Before opening the meeting to the Public, she asked if anyone on the Committee had been contacted on ways in which the funds should be used.

Ms. Drennan recommended that funds be allocated towards the Nova Ukraine Playground and Park Improvement Project, which is located in a target area. She also recommended that funds be allocated towards the Suskin Park ADA Improvement and Handicap Accessible Fitness Area Project. Mayor Wahler stated that these types of projects have been done in the past and they are very beneficial to the community and have been very successful projects.

Ms. Corcoran-Gardella stated that there have been good results from the various projects that had been completed in the past.

There being no further suggestions from the Committee, Ms. Corcoran-Gardella opened the meeting to the Public for comments as to how the Housing and Community Development Block Grant monies should be spent.

There being no further comments, the public portion of the meeting was closed. Ms. Corcoran-Gardella stated that the Committee must now make a recommendation to the Township Council as to how the monies should be spent.

Ms. Drennan recommended that \$170,000.00 be allocated to the Nova Ukraine Playground and Park Improvement Project and the balance of the funds be allocated towards the Suskin Park ADA Improvement and Handicap Accessible Fitness Area Project.

Ms. Corcoran-Gardella concurred with the recommendation.

Ms. Corcoran-Gardella stated that the Township Council may accept, reject, or modify the recommendations of this Committee.

MOTION made by Ms. Drennan, seconded by Mayor Wahler, to recommend to the Township Council that \$170,000.00 be allocated towards the Nova Ukraine Playground and Park Improvement Project and the balance of the funds be allocated towards the Suskin Park ADA Improvement and Handicap Accessible Fitness Area Project. On voice call vote, Messrs. Corcoran-Gardella, Drennan and Wahler answered yes.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. on Motion of Ms. Drennan, seconded by Mayor Wahler, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Corcoran-Gardella".

Dawn Corcoran-Gardella, P.P., AICP
Supervisor of Planning/Zoning Officer