

**LANGHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**January 25, 2023**

A work session of Langhorne Borough Council was held in person in Council Chambers on Wednesday, January, 25 2023. President Paul Murdock called the session to order at 6:30 p.m. and invited those in attendance to pledge allegiance to the Flag.

**In Attendance:** President Paul Murdock, Vice President Rich Mason, Councilpersons Nancy Culleton, Kristen Farry, Kathleen Horwatt, Tony Marfia, and Scott Haldeman, Manager Steve Bradshaw; Clerk Mary Zimmerman.

**Presentation:**

Mr. Frank Kuepper, Co-Founder & President of Autism Cares Foundation (ACF) put forward a presentation introducing his foundation and the services provide for autistic and intellectually disabled (ID) children and adults. Handouts were distributed to Borough Council. The organization is presenting Neshaminy School Board with an initial proposal to acquire the Oliver Heckman School for \$250,000 to expand their services and is seeking Council support for its bid. Mr. Kuepper discussed the following points:

- The population of people with autism in Pennsylvania is 375,000, increasing 3% to 4 % annually.
- At the age of 21, ID people can no longer attend public schools and often their education and socializing comes to an end.
- The Autism Cares Foundation (ACF) provides adult disability daycare which includes services, activities, and programs including the 21 And Up Group, which is designed to help build skills and to increase confidence in social situations.
- ACF has been in business for 15 years and is 501 C3 nonprofit, supported by ODP, grants, fundraising, and volunteers.
- ACF wants to rehabilitate the Oliver Heckman School building to provide afterschool care for up to 150 people. The school district would provide transportation to the facility in small vans.
- The clients would be involved in activities and out of building 50% of the time in groups of only three. Clients would engage in yoga classes, outdoor exercise, team sports and events.
- ACF rents venues for outings such as bowling and going to the movies.
- ACF works with local police to train them on helpful interaction.
- ACK hopes to have a community center, coffee shop, public recreation center and shared sports fields. job training.
- Amazon, Bunzel, McDonalds, and Wawa would like ACF to provide training in the new facility.

Councilperson Horwatt noted Council's understanding with the school district that the fields would be retained for recreation and said that Woods had previously expressed an interest

**Communications Team:**

Council President Murdock discussed the Communications Team's desire to comply with the Sunshine Law requirements for all boards and commissions to post agendas and minutes.

Councilperson Culleton suggested that all Council Liaisons remind and help support the chairperson of each committee to make sure agendas and minutes are submitted in a timely manner.

It was also mentioned that the minutes from each board should be submitted to the office so there is a record and to provide an understanding to others of what's going on.

All reports and information that comes before Council should be submitted by 9:00 am the Monday before a Council Meeting to allow a 48-hour review period.

**Planning Commission:**

Councilwoman Horwatt stated that the LBPC were not quite finished drafting guiding principles for the overlay ordinance. However, they do hope to have them ready for the next Council Meeting. This would cover the development by Toll Brothers and any other developer regarding open land.

**Manager's Report:**

Manager Bradshaw announced the follow updates:

- All the RDA grants were delivered.
- The office is having a "kick off" meeting with Traiser.
- The PA Ethics forms need to filled out by Council Members.
- Armour & Son received a list of 25 lights to repair.
- He is working with Middletown Township to come up with a plan for the Fire Company's workers compensation Insurance.

Council President Murdock adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bradshaw, Borough Manager/Secretary