

Sources: RESOLUTION NO. 20-2385
Upper Dublin Township Board Of Commissioners Minutes, pg. 9-10
Board Meeting Videos, (1:18:50 – 1:25:18)
June 9, 2020

ACTION ITEMS:

Tab J – Consider motion to approve Resolution 20-2385 acknowledging the Existence of Racial Injustice in our Society and the Need for the Upper Dublin Community to Recognize and Celebrate our Shared Humanity:

Ms. Knight motioned, with Dr. Scarpello seconding, to approve Resolution 20-2385 acknowledging the Existence of Racial Injustice in our Society and the Need for the Upper Dublin Community to Recognize and Celebrate our Shared Humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Upper Dublin Township.

1. We deplore the actions of those law enforcement personnel who brought about the death of George Floyd and the innate racial prejudice in each and every person that could lead to the callous display of cruelty and indifference to which those actions bore evidence.
2. We applaud those who have raised their voices in peaceful protest over these actions and who, by their protests, have raised the alarm that systemic bigotry and hatred in our society can destroy the freedoms we hold so dear, and thus each of us must examine our own conscience

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and make every attempt to root out such self-destructive tendencies in our individual actions and thoughts.

3. We condemn those who would disrupt such peaceful protests by engaging in the promotion of chaos and the destruction of property and call upon them to recognize that such actions are destructive of the fabric of our society, bring enormous hardship on innocent people, and cannot be tolerated if we are to live together in a free society which promotes the welfare of all.

4. We declare that our common humanity as well as our national wellbeing insists that we hear one another's voice, that we respond to one another's plea for understanding, and that we cry out with our neighbor against those who would silence the words they don't agree with.

5. We condemn the recent statement of Joseph Gale, a Montgomery County Commissioner, calling the movement known as Black Lives Matter "perpetrators of urban domestic terror," a "left wing hate group," and a group of "far left enemy combatants." Such vitriolic diatribe levelled against the tens of thousands of peaceful demonstrators who marched in Philadelphia and throughout our nation to condemn racial injustice is abhorrent even while speaking out against those few who broke the law by destroying property. Those who support the Black Lives Matter movement in the peaceful protests we all have recently witnessed are not terrorists, they are not a hate group, nor are they enemy combatants. We would remind Commissioner Gale that the oath that he and all public officials in this Commonwealth took upon assuming office, including ourselves, binds us to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, one of the provisions of which is the right of citizens to freely speak in addressing the hearts and minds of their fellow citizens, and in petitioning their government. We find Commissioner Gale's statement to be incongruent with that oath.

6. We encourage the efforts of those who support community policing activities as critical to gaining a greater understanding of the important work our police department performs in keeping our neighborhoods safe, to building trust between our residents and our police, and to instilling assurance that law enforcement personnel and the community share a common desire: that we all may enjoy life and live together peaceably.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION YES COMMISSIONERS TACKEL,
SCARPELLO, FERRY, KNIGHT,
FRITZGES, MCGUCKIN

FERRY,

MOTION CARRIED

Tab K – Consider motion to approve Resolution 20-2386 acknowledging June 2020 to be LGBT Pride Month:

Ms. Knight motioned, with Mr. McGuckin seconding, to approve Resolution 20-2386 acknowledging June 2020 to be LGBT Pride Month.

VOTE ON MOTION ALL YES MOTION CARRIED