

## Human Relations Commission Meeting

January 23, 2022 | 6:00 P.M.

In Person and Via Zoom

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order with the following members of the commission in attendance: David Devore and James Henderson. Donna Fann Boyle was absent. Also in attendance were Supervisors Bernadette Hannah and Dana Kane, as well as Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls.

#### 2. Reorganization

The Reorganization of the Commission was deferred until the full group is in place at the next meeting. Ms. Teoli Kuhls noted that the Board of Supervisors made three appointments at its meeting the prior evening.

#### 3. Follow-up Discussion on 2022 Issues

Mr. Devore reported on the mascot/racism issue, noting that the Board of Supervisors has made it clear that they will not support legal action against the Neshaminy School Board and that the HRC's path forward needs to rely on persuasion and education. Supervisor Kane reiterated the Board's direction regarding the same.

#### 4. Discussion of Potential 2023 Programs and Events

There was discussion of various programming options for 2023 with consensus that the group focus on only one or two topic areas. Supervisor Chair Anna Payne sent a recommendation that the HRC consider programming a, "Day of Unity" to take place in January 2024 as part of a MLK Day event. The group discussed having this event include putting an end to all racial and religious discrimination.

The second topic area that emerged was improving awareness regarding discrimination experienced by those with disabilities. It was agreed that this would be a natural follow up to the work completed in 2022 regarding this topic. There was further discussion about a partnership with the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce for public information efforts. It was agreed that a local event should be planned for October 2023 and that the Board of Supervisors would consider adopting a resolution for National Disability Awareness Month.

#### 5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.