

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP HUMAN RELATION COMMISSION

May 4, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Dr. Thomas Lyon, Chair, Dr. Cynthia Baum-Baicker, Susan Hollander Whitman, Donald Bentivoglio, Mark Baum Baicker, Supervisor Liaison and Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary.
Absent: Paul Barnes, Vice-Chair

I. The meeting was called to order.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2023 Meeting

Upon a motion by Dr. Baum-Baicker, seconded by Ms. Hollander Whitman, the Minutes of the March 30, 2023 Meeting were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. New Business

Complaint Submission Form – Authorization to Request Board of Supervisors Approval

Ms. Cataldi read Mr. Barnes notes on the development of the Complaint Form.

Mr. Bentivoglio questioned the course of action if the complaint is not responded to within 30 days.

Upon a motion by Dr. Baum-Baicker, seconded by Mr. Bentivoglio, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Solebury Township Human Relations Complaint Submission Form and request Board of Supervisors approval.

IV. Public Comment

No Public Comment was received.

Comments made by Commission Members:

Dr. Baum-Baicker commented on the Surgeon General’s Report on loneliness and expressed interest in fostering connection to Solebury residents. Discussion ensued on outreach and Commission authority. Dr. Lyon presented an article highlighting Lansdale Human Relations Commission’s efforts to solicit resident support and meet with local Human Relations Commissions.

Dr. Lyon commented on mediation training through Cora Good Shephard Mediation. Mr. Baum Baicker advised that the Township is able to offer mediator training to two (2) Commission members. The Commission members determined that Dr. Lyon is to take the mediator course. If the course satisfies the criteria needed for the Commission, then another member will take it later.

Mr. Bentivoglio questioned the policy for the Commission if no complaints are received. Discussion ensued between the Commission members. The Commission decided to hold occasional meetings to keep communication open.

Dr. Lyon expressed interest in introducing himself to local Human Relations Commissions and researching the guidelines they practice. Discussion ensued between the members. Dr. Lyon and Mr.

Bentivoglio are to reach out to local Human Relations Commissions and update the Commission at a future meeting.

V. Adjournment

Unless a complaint is filed the Commission will not meet again until October 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary