

RESOLUTION 2020-72

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANHEIM, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

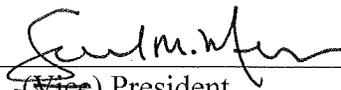
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Code of the Township of Manheim, as amended (“Code”), the Board of Commissioners has the authority to create by resolution citizens’ advisory committees from time to time to aid in the execution of its corporate powers when it has determined a need exists to engage various skills and capabilities of the Township citizenry to advise it on the best approaches and practices in addressing current and future needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has decided to establish a citizens’ advisory committee to review, research, analyze, discuss and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on policing practices, policies and funding within the Township;

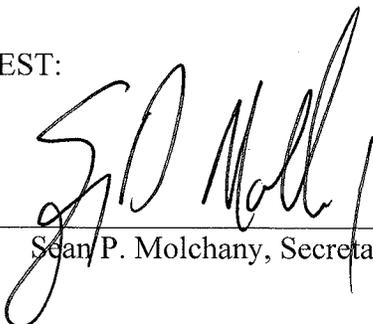
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Manheim, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by this Resolution, hereby establishes and creates the “Police Advisory Committee of Manheim Township” for the purpose of (a) gathering information about the policies, practices, training, recruitment and operation of the Manheim Township police department; (b) providing a forum for public input on policing within the Township; (c) reviewing and discussing ideas, thoughts and proposals related to the policies, practices, training and operation of the police department; (d) addressing if there are institutional or systemic policies and / or practices in place that could result in the disparate treatment of communities of color; and (e) preparing a comprehensive report with findings regarding the police department and any recommendations related to the policies, practices, training and operation of the police department pursuant to and subject to the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Code. The committee shall be structured and shall function according to the “Police Advisory Committee Purpose and Structure” document attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated into this resolution by reference.

**RESOLVED** this 27 day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
MANHEIM TOWNSHIP

By:   
~~(Vice)~~ President

ATTEST:

  
Sean P. Molchany, Secretary

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

### **POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE**

#### **I. NAME**

Police Advisory Committee of Manheim Township

#### **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Police Advisory Committee is to perform the following tasks:

(a) gather information about the policies, practices, training, recruitment and operation of the Manheim Township police department;

(b) provide a forum for public input on policing within the Township;

(c) review and discuss ideas, thoughts and proposals related to the policies, practices, training and operation of the police department, including evaluating and considering the proper role and scope of the police within the community;

(d) determine whether there are historical, institutional or systemic policies, practices, training materials or procedures that can lead to the disparate (unequal) treatment of African-Americans or Hispanics or have a disparate impact on communities of color;

(e) review and make recommendations on consultants and training materials that could be used for police officers regarding the history of race relations in the United States that also would address the potential for unconscious bias or stereotypes in policing; and

(f) develop recommendations related to the policies, practices, training and operation of the police department

#### **III. STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION**

- The committee shall be a standing committee.
- The committee shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Commissioners pursuant to and subject to the provisions of § 3-2 of the Code.
- The Commissioners may appoint an outside or third-party consultant to provide leadership, facilitation and / or guidance to the committee's meetings and work.

- The committee shall meet at least 6 times per year. The committee shall make available to the public a video-conferencing service for all its meetings to facilitate greater public participation.
- The Commissioners shall annually appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for the committee.
- The committee is subject to and shall comply with all of the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Code setting forth the requirements and limitations of citizens' advisory committees.
- The committee is strictly advisory in nature and has no decision-making authority. The decision-making authority remains solely and exclusively with the Board of Commissioners.
- The committee is prohibited from incurring expenses, making payments, entering contracts, leases or obligations or otherwise binding the Township without the expressed consent of the Commissioners.

#### **IV. DELIVERABLES**

The committee shall provide a written report and make a public presentation (the "deliverables") addressing the issues, questions or subject matter the committee was asked to address within the timeframe established by the Commissioners. The Chair, Vice-Chair or an authorized member of a citizen advisory committee shall provide a written or oral report to the Board of Commissioners every ninety (90) days during one of the Board of Commissioners' regularly scheduled public meetings on the committee's activities and progress.