

# **HLRA Update**

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## HLRA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## UPCOMING HLRA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are at 3:30pm and are open to the public.

- July 21. 2021
- October 20, 2021

The meeting location will be at the Horsham Township Municipal Building at 1025 Horsham Road.

### **SE Clear Zone Parcel finally transfers to Horsham Township as parkland!**



Horsham Township Council met on May 24, 2021 in a very special ceremonial deed signing event at the Horsham Township Municipal Complex at 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA. Pictured here is Council President Mark McCouch, executing on behalf of Horsham Township, a deed for the 8.05-acre South East Clear Zone parcel off of Easton Road, between Girard Avenue and Columbia Avenue. The

parcel is adjacent to the township's Wayne Avenue Neighborhood Park which was purchased by the Township in 1994 from the Hatboro Horsham School District to retain open space for the neighborhood. The Township then constructed the softball field and the playground at the property. Pictured with Mark McCouch are left to right, Council Members William Gallagher, W. William Whiteside III, Gregory Nesbitt, and Veronica Hill-Milborne.

Recently, the HLRA board gathered at the site to celebrate the transfer of the property. Pictured at the parcel with a sign confirming the property has been preserved by Horsham Township, left to right, are HLRA board members Joanna Furia, Mark McCouch, HLRA Board Chair W. William Whiteside III, HLRA Executive Director Mike McGee, Joseph Wade and Eric Coombs.



The execution of the deed marks the conclusion of a very long process to transfer the former Horsham Elementary School property from the Navy to Horsham Township for \$1. The parcel is deed restricted to be used for open space and public parkland. This latest addition to the Township's extensive park system was made possible due to the foresight of Horsham Council with the creation of the HLRA which was recognized by the federal government as the point of contact for developing a reuse plan. The HLRA with the help and input of hundreds of residents recognized the need for this park as part of the overall redevelopment plan for the former base.