

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 8:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. All members of the Board were present. Mr. Standish presided.

Mr. Standish asked for a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives due to actions that took place on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Standish opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Gillies-Peirce) carried unanimously dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approving same as written and recorded in the official minute book of the Township.

Mr. Standish announced that the Township Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny, was away on his honeymoon and that Mike Savona, of Mr. Kilkenny's office, would be providing legal guidance to the Board at the meeting.

Mr. Standish acknowledged the presence of past Commissioners Robert McGrory, Jane Fisher, and Jane Roberts.

Mr. Standish announced that at the conclusion of the regular business meeting, the Board would also hold a public hearing related to a possible amendment to the Springfield Township Comprehensive Plan. The amendment is also known as the Flourtown Erdenheim Enhancement Association Vision Plan.

Mr. Standish asked that Suzanne Dufrasne and Phoebe Rosenberry join Commissioners Schaum and Harbison and Police Chief Randy Hummel at the front of the room. Chief Hummel provided some history of the Springfield Township Town Watch, as well as the dedicated service of Ms. Dufrasne and Ms. Rosenberry in the Flourtown Town Watch. Commissioners Schaum and Harbison presented plaques to the women for 20 years of dedicated service to the Springfield Township Town Watch program.

Kimberly Freimuth, Esq. addressed the Board of Commissioners on behalf of Suzanne Nolde, 7602 Pine Road. Ms. Freimuth briefly outlined stormwater concerns on the Nolde property that she believes are caused by Pine Road. Ms. Freimuth suggests that solutions as presented by her client to resolve the problem should be addressed and paid for by the Township. The Board of Commissioners agreed to have the Township Engineer review the situation and provide a report to the Township Solicitor who, in turn, will provide guidance to the Board on the extent of the Township's liability in this instance.

Neil Schofield, 816 Downs Road, suggested that the Board of Commissioners consider adding the Black Horse Inn as a line item in the 2007 Budget. Mr. Schofield

and the Board discussed funding of the renovation of the Black Horse Inn, including local, State and Federal dollars.

Ed Uthe, 1109 Greenhill Road, asked if the Township was tracking Township personnel time associated with the Black Horse Inn renovation project. Mr. Uthe was told the Township is not tracking the time. Mr. Uthe also suggested his understanding that the Black Horse Inn would be a self-sustaining project. The Board agreed but the self-sustaining status would probably not occur until after the renovation project is complete. Mr. Uthe also raised questions related to the conservation easement to be placed on the Black Horse Inn. Of particular interest was the fact that the easement would run with the land even if the Township were to sell the property.

Franco Bosca addressed the Board of Commissioners on behalf of his father, Pietro Bosca, 107 Haws Lane. Mr. Bosca wanted confirmation that the creation of street addresses for new dwellings built on Haws Lane would not adversely affect his father's property. He also raised concerns with a potential retaining wall, grading and buffering to the rear of his father's property related to construction of new dwellings in that area. Commissioner Lunn agreed to meet with the Bocsas on site in the near future.

Rob Ryan, 6 Franklin Avenue, representing the Friends of Historic Bethlehem Pike, asked for clarification from Mr. Gillies related to comments made by Mr. Gillies at an earlier meeting related to the fundraising effort of the Friends, the relationship between the Friends and the Historical Society, and the Black Horse Inn renovation project. Mr. Gillies explained that Mr. Ryan may have misunderstood the context of his comment related to how the fundraising effort for the Black Horse Inn project exists. Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Gillies why he was concerned with the amount time it was taking for the Board of Commissioners to adopt the Flourtown Erdenheim Enhancement Vision Plan amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Gillies explained that he was concerned that the delay may adversely affect the adoption of the plan. Mr. Ryan also asked for a clarification on what rumors Mr. Gillies believed were being spread by the Friends in relation to the FEEA Vision Plan. Mr. Gillies expressed his displeasure that the Friends took the opportunity of Community Day, a FEEA supported event, to criticize the plan. He felt it was the wrong venue to express those opinions.

Commissioners Lunn, Peirce and Dailey made comments on the need to focus actions at the Board meetings, the use of Roberts Rules and possible transcription of the meetings.

Mr. Standish, Chairman of Internal Affairs Committee, reported:

Motion (Standish-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the August check reconciliation in the amount of \$421,500.67 and the September bill listing in the amount of \$587,837.71.

Motion (Standish-Harbison) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1137, a resolution setting forth the 2007 minimum municipal obligations to fund the Township employees' pension plans.

Mr. Standish made an announcement with regard to meetings scheduled to adopt the 2007 budget.

Budget Workshop	10/25/06	7:00 PM
Budget Presentation	11/8/06	8:00 PM
Budget Hearing	12/13/06	8:00 PM

Mr. Standish suggested that the date for the meeting to adopt the budget had not been set as of this date. All the above meetings will be held in the Springfield Township Building.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Safety Committee, reported:

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1138, a resolution certifying that Springfield Township is utilizing the National Incident Management System as a guideline within the Springfield Township Emergency Management Plan.

Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Library Committee, had no report.

Ms. Lunn, Chairwoman of Community Development and Environmental Resources Committee, reported:

Ms. Lunn announced that Springfield Township residents recycled 251.9 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 82.4%. The net cost for the month was \$3,270.03.

Mr. Gillies inquired whether the Township looked into the “recycle bank”, a program to provide residents shopping coupons as a reward for recycling. Mr. Berger indicated that the Township did look into it, but the set up costs and ongoing administrative fees charged by the service were very costly.

Motion (Lunn-Schaum) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated September 11, 2006 from Michael W. Cassidy, Esq., counsel for the Danny Jake Corporation, extending the 90 day subdivision plan review period until October 19, 2006 for the Danny Jake Corporation subdivision. The subject subdivision is also known as the Boorse Tract, 10 Camp Hill Road.

Motion (Lunn-Peirce) carried unanimously to approve the Pernicello land development plan dated July 10, 2006 last revised August 21, 2006. The land development is located at 1500 Willow Grove Avenue, and consists of two lots, one lot contains an existing single family dwelling, and the second proposes the construction of a single family dwelling. The approval included a waiver to the subdivision plan checklist requirement that calls for existing features within 200 feet of the land development be shown on the plan. The approval is subject to the applicant securing the requisite highway occupancy permit and securing the requisite stormwater management permit, which includes a successful soil percolation test.

Motion (Lunn-Schaum) carried unanimously to reject all bids received on September 7, 2006 in conjunction with the Oreland Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project. All bids received were higher than anticipated. The Board does, however, plan to combine the 2006 project with a proposed phase II 2007 project to achieve an economy of scale.

Ms. Peirce, Chairwoman of Communications and Cultural Resources Committee, reported:

Motion (Peirce-Lunn) carried unanimously authorizing the execution of a conservation easement for the Black Horse Inn with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Ms. Peirce reviewed key features of the easement.

Motion (Peirce-Schaum) carried unanimously to authorize the execution of a Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Verizon PA Inc. for Verizon to provide cable TV services in Springfield Township. Ms. Peirce outlined several provisions of the agreement. Mr. Dailey confirmed that, by executing the agreement, Springfield Township would be 100% built-out at the time of construction. Mr. Harbison also explained the pending State and Federal legislation, the potential loss of franchise fees, and the interest that Springfield Township would be 100% built-out rather than select portions of the Township. Ms. Lunn inquired whether there were any more negotiations to take place. She was informed that the negotiations were now complete.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would not meet during the month of September. The next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled for October 16, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

Mr. Harbison, Chairman of Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Motion (Harbison-Lunn) carried unanimously to reject all bids received on June 19, 2006 to repair a used Caterpillar generator for the Public Works Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary