

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 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 with the exception of Messrs. Schaum and Standish. Mr. Harbison presided.

Mr. Harbison asked for a moment of silence honoring the service men and women who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to help preserve our safety.

Mr. Harbison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Harbison noted the absence of Mr. Standish and Mr. Schaum. It was noted that Mr. Schaum was not in attendance at the meeting as he had joined other members of the Springfield fire companies fighting the large fire in Conshohocken.

Special Report

Mr. Harbison noted that at the July 9, 2008 business meeting of the Board of Commissioners, several business owners from the Flourtown area asked the Board of Commissioners to consider the concept of designating a commissioner to serve as a liaison directly to the business community. The Commissioners discussed the request and while no conclusions were drawn, the Board did discuss one specific notion of pursuing the concept of establishing a "Main Street Manager" position that will help support and improve the business districts and help facilitate communications to and from the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Harbison recognized two boy scouts in the audience, Matt Sykes and Drew Dearden.

Mr. Harbison, Chairman of Internal Affairs and Environmental Resources Committees, reported:

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to amend Section 4 (b)(ii)(b) of the Lease Agreement between Springfield Township and TJKFCC LLC, the partnership managing the Township-owned Flourtown Country Club. The aforementioned section of the lease requires an annual certified financial report. Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the Board and the lessee shall agree that for fiscal year 2008, a full certified financial statement shall be provided, with a certified financial audit provided every third year thereafter. In the intervening years, the lessee shall provide a financial

report based on a list of “agreed-upon procedures” as set forth by the office of the Township Auditor.

Mr. Heller asked that the office of the Township Auditor provide a written opinion that the interest of the Township would be protected through the use of the agreed upon procedures.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to approve the July check reconciliation in the amount of \$879,728.03 and the August bill listing in the amount of \$1,029,020.03.

Mr. Harbison noted that during the month of July, Springfield Township residents recycled 205.9 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 64.0%. The net cost for the month was \$2,717.83.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1179, a resolution recognizing the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Related, the Commissioners also granted the Ovarian Cancer Foundation permission to place teal colored ribbons on street trees along the main streets in Springfield Township. The Board also recommended that the Foundation contact adjacent property owners along these streets to gain permission from the property owners to place the ribbons on their trees as well.

Mr. Gillies reported for Mr. Schaum, Co-Chairman of Public Safety Committee:

Mr. Gillies stated that a property owner on Park Avenue who maintains a property with two single family dwellings asked if the Township would consider modifying the on-street parking restrictions and/or the permit parking regulations on Park Avenue to accommodate his tenants. The Police Department reviewed the conditions and reported that due to a combination of the narrow nature of the roadway, the uses on the street, and the ability of the property owner to provide adequate off-street parking on his property, the Police Department would not recommend making any changes to the parking regulations on Park Avenue. The Board of Commissioners discussed the request and recommendations and decided to maintain the existing parking regulations on Park Avenue.

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

Mr. Gillies asked if the Township could receive an update on the RecycleBank program as it might relate to the Township.

Mr. Peirce reported for Mr. Standish, Chairman of Public Works and Facilities Committee:

Motion (Peirce-Gillies) carried unanimously to engage the services of Kimmel Bogrette Architecture, of Conshohocken, to update and revise the Springfield Township Public

Works Expansion Municipal Campus Study prepared by Kimmel Bogrette in 2004. The price to update and revise the Study is \$14,400.

Motion (Peirce-Heller) carried unanimously to award a contract to Kelly Builders, of Oaks, PA, for the general construction portion of the phase 2A renovation project at the Black Horse Inn for their low bid price of \$94,500. Two other bid quotations were received for general construction which were opened on July 18, 2008.

Mr. Gillies asked if the \$50,000 the Township planned to advance for this project was to be reimbursed by a future fundraising effort. Mr. Berger answered to the affirmative.

Motion (Peirce-Heller) carried unanimously to award a contract to L. J. McConnell, Chester Township, PA, for their low bid price of \$35,990 for the electrical construction portion of the phase 2A renovation project at the Black Horse Inn. The Township received two other bid quotations that were opened on July 18, 2008.

Motion (Peirce-Heller) carried unanimously to reject the bid received from Gaudelli Brothers for the mechanical portion of the phase 2A renovation project at the Black Horse Inn, received on July 18, 2008. The reason for the rejection is budgetary in nature.

Mr. Peirce announced that on September 28, 2008, from 2:00 to 5:30 PM at the Black Horse Inn, the community will be hosting a Heritage Day Celebration. The celebration will include a short parade, events and games for all ages, two school bands, colonial music players, actors, short discussions on Bethlehem Pike inns, and the role of the Battle of Germantown in the Revolutionary War. All events are free.

Motion (Peirce-Heller) that the Board of Commissioners specifically endorse the assistance of Township staff to help support this event, and the advance payment of \$8,000 to pay for the event with the premise that, through a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this money will be reimbursed. The Board recognizes that a portion of Bethlehem Pike will be temporarily closed to traffic and that alcohol will be served on Township property.

Mr. Dailey asked specific questions related to traffic control, parking, use of alcohol and the related liability, space allotment for the attendees, and why the event was being held at this particular time. Messrs. Heller and Berger provided answers on how the organizing committee plans to address each point. Mr. Gillies asked for the genesis of the event, given his understanding that the professional fundraiser for the Black Horse Inn had warned against a fundraising event at this time. Mr. Heller indicated that the original concept came forth from Larry Curry, who is interested in marrying this event to events celebrating the Battle of Germantown re-enactment. Mr. Gillies stated his objection of the Township paying for the event featuring two elected officials who are running for re-election this Fall. Mr. Harbison stated his appreciation for Mr. Gillies' concerns if the event was solely a political activity, which he does not believe it is.

Motion (Peirce-Heller) carried unanimously to endorse the assistance of the Township staff to help support the event and acknowledge that a portion of Bethlehem Pike would be temporarily closed to traffic.

Motion (Peirce-Heller) vote 3-2, Daily and Gillies opposed, for Springfield Township to advance the estimated cost of \$8,000 to pay for the event with the stipulation that a grant application be made to the Commonwealth for reimbursement of those funds, and to permit the serving of alcohol on the Black Horse Inn property.

Motion (Peirce-Gillies) carried unanimously that the Board of Commissioners authorize participation in an agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Springfield Township for the Commonwealth to reimburse Springfield Township for removal of ice and snow from State highways for the 2008-2009 winter season, as set forth in the PennDOT letter dated July 28, 2008.

Motion (Peirce-Gillies) carried unanimously that in compliance with Section 1501 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, Springfield Township will sell a 2001 Duratech Model HD12 tub grinder to Cheltenham Township for \$1.00 based upon a property valuation dated August 7, 2008.

Motion (Peirce-Gillies) carried unanimously to award a contract to Asphalt Paving Systems Inc., of Hammonton, NJ, for their bid prices to supply and install a micro-surface treatment on specified Township streets. The bid quotations received are \$2.08 per square yard for single application, and \$3.45 per square yard for double application. The total bid price is \$67,416.

Ms. Peirce, Chairwoman of Cultural Resources Committee, had no report.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey wished to thank the Park and Recreation Department for their fine work with regard to the Kidz Klubhouse camp this past season. Mr. Dailey noted that he received very favorable comments from several first time parents. Mr. Dailey also wished to thank the Public Works Department for their efforts in installing crosswalks at various locations throughout the Flourtown Gardens.

Mr. Dailey asked that the Board of Commissioners consider discussing the ownership of the abandoned railroad right of way and consider providing guidance to local residents on this matter.

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will not meet during the month of August as no petitions were received by the Zoning Hearing Board. The regular monthly meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board will continue to be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. The next scheduled meeting is September 15, 2008.

Mr. Heller, Chairman of Community Development Committee, reported:

Motion (Heller-Peirce) carried unanimously to authorize the execution of a Settlement Stipulation in a civil action of Boldt vs. Springfield Township and Whitemarsh Township wherein, based on representations by Boldt and the adjoining property owners, Bines/Vargas, Springfield Township and Whitemarsh Township will treat the Bines/Vargas parcel as a lawfully subdivided parcel. The lot may be developed for the purpose of a single family residential use, or for all other permitted uses subject to the Whitemarsh Township Zoning Code, and the Subdivision and Land Development Code. The address of the property is 23 West Mill Road, Flourtown.

Mr. Kearney, East Wissahickon Avenue, asked if the Police Department could enforce the No Thru Traffic signs posted adjacent to the Flourtown Country Club to help cut down on the thru traffic in this location.

Mr. Zborowsky, Haws Lane, indicated that he lived directly adjacent to an abandoned railroad right of way and wondered about the disposition of the right of way, and rights and responsibilities of adjacent property owners. His immediate interest relates to a fallen tree that once stood within the right of way.

Mr. Harbison announced that the Commissioners are still working with the draft riparian corridor ordinance and continue to become better informed with regard to both the concept and specifics related to the ordinance. The Commissioners asked staff to provide information on the effects of properties within the corridor under three conditions: (1) status quo, wherein the property owner is making no changes to his property, (2) the threshold of the ordinance has been met and the property owner must now comply with the provisions of the riparian corridor ordinance, and (3) a subdivision or land development of the property – what must the property owner do in this regard?. The Board of Commissioners anticipates no vote on the issue next month, and encourages participation in future discussions by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary