

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 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. 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 (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Harbison noted that the Board of Commissioners cancelled the February 10, 2010 business meeting due to weather.

An announcement was made that representatives from Boy Scout Troop 177 of Wyndmoor attended the Monday evening workshop meeting to observe the activities of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Harbison also announced that during the month, the Board of Commissioners sent a letter to the locally elected Federal representatives asking that they consider the effects on municipal employees and municipalities when considering whether to tax "Cadillac" health benefits as a part of the health care reform program.

Christine Scanlon, 9 Chesney Lane, asked that the Board of Commissioners favorably consider the placement of a multi way stop intersection at Chesney Lane, Glendalough Road and Longfield Road as she believes the intersection is "unusual". Ms. Scanlon discussed the incline approaches to the intersection and the turning movements at the intersection.

William Visco, 7 Chesney Lane, suggested that the multi way stop intersection be created at Chesney, Glendalough and Longfield Roads as he believes there is a sight distance issue in one direction at the subject intersection.

Michael Smith, 918 Longfield Road, also believed the intersection of Chesney, Glendalough and Longfield Roads should be a multi way stop intersection due to a school bus stop at that intersection.

Joseph Pientka, 12 Chesney Lane, also asked that the intersection of Chesney, Glendalough and Longfield Roads be made a multi way stop intersection due to the bus stop, an incline close to the intersection and hedges in the vicinity that adversely affect the sight distance.

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

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to approve the February check reconciliation in the amount of \$882,737.01, and the March bill listing in the amount of \$742,097.93.

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of February, Springfield Township residents recycled 156.8 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 55%. The net cost for the month was \$8,328.94. It was noted that the harsh winter weather during February had a clear adverse effect on participation in the recycling program.

Mr. Harbison announced that plans continue in an effort to implement the RecycleBank program in Springfield Township. Mr. Harbison reviewed the RecycleBank incentive based recycling rewards program. During the weeks of April 12 and 19, the residents' existing recycling containers will be fitted with a small identification sticker that will record each household's participation in the recycling program. The RecycleBank program will begin during the week of April 26, 2010. Each household will receive additional information from both the Township and RecycleBank on the rewards program.

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

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) to amend the Springfield Township Code, Section 107-28, Schedule V, Stop Intersections, by rescinding the 2 way stop intersections on Chesney Lane at its intersection with Glendalough Road and Longfield Road, and establishing a four way stop intersection at Chesney Lane, Glendalough Road and Longfield Road. Mr. Gillies stated that the subject intersection does not meet the PennDOT warrants for a multi-way stop intersection. However, Mr. Gillies asked if, in the event it did meet the warrants and a multi-way stop intersection was not created, would there be more liability on the Township. Mr. Kilkenny recommended that the Board of Commissioners follow the PennDOT warrants, but from his research and information received from the insurance carrier's counsel, he did not believe that any additional liability would be placed on the Township. Mr. Dailey wanted to clarify that whether the stop signs are installed or not, it is not an issue of whether the Commissioners are interested in safety, as all the Commissioners are interested in safety, but they bring their own perspective to the discussions. Furthermore, to the extent the Commissioners disagree with the recommendations of the Police Department, that should not reflect any disrespect for their work. Mr. Heller stated that he is generally against running in opposition to the PennDOT warrants but he may need to consider same. Ms. Peirce believes that PennDOT warrants do not consider conditions within individual neighborhoods. Mr. Gillies opined that over all, the PennDOT warrants work well and render streets safer. Mr. Harbison believes he will defer to the expertise of the police safety officer with regard to his recommendation on the stop signs. Vote 3 in favor; 4 opposed: Gillies, Harbison, Schaum, Standish. The motion did not carry.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1223, a resolution recognizing and commending the Flourtown Fire Company for 100 years of service to the Springfield Township community. Mr. Schaum read into the record Resolution No. 1223.

Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Library Committee, reported:

Motion (Gillies-Peirce) carried unanimously to appoint Jennifer Kolodner, a member of the School Board of Directors of Springfield Township as the School Board representative on the Springfield Township Library Advisory Committee. Ms. Kolodner will be appointed to fill an unexpired term of service which will expire December 31, 2011.

Mr. Gillies also announced that for the first time ever, the Library welcomed the 100,000th patron to visit the Library in one year. It was also noted that Family Day was celebrated on February 15 at the Library, and it was extremely well-attended.

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

Mr. Standish announced that the Board of Commissioners is hosting a stormwater management meeting on Thursday evening, March 18, 2010 between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM in the Springfield Township Building. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information from residents on their stormwater concerns. Residents will be provided means by which their concerns can be communicated.

Motion (Standish-Dailey) carried unanimously to award a contract to Lyons and Hohl, Inc., of Honeybrook, PA, for their low bid price of \$566,518.99 to supply and install drainage improvements known as the Oreland Mill Road drainage project. On March 2, 2010, the Township received six bids for the project. Mr. Standish described the drainage improvement project. Mr. Dailey expressed his appreciation to his fellow Board members, Township staff and the Township Engineer for their efforts in bringing these improvements to that neighborhood.

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

Motion (Peirce-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1224, a resolution designating Oreland Park on Allison Road, Oreland, as the "Connor James McKelvie Park". Ms. Peirce read into the record Resolution No. 1224.

Ms. Peirce announced that grants are available through the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for parents with autistic children in order to provide funding for those children to participate in a variety of recreational opportunities. The Township recreational programs are eligible for funding through the grant program. Ms. Peirce provided a website for residents interested in more information on the grant.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will next meet on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey noted that the meeting on the 29th is not the regularly scheduled date for the meeting. Mr. Dailey also summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

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

Motion (Heller-Gillies) carried unanimously to reappoint Joseph Devine and Amanda Helwig to new four year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Planning Commission. The new terms of service shall expire February 16, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

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