

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, April 14, 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 everyone to join the Board of Commissioners in a moment of silence to honor 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.

Mr. Harbison called for public comment. No comments were received.

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

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to dispense 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.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the March check reconciliation in the amount of \$914,258.58, and the April bill listing in the amount of \$788,466.51.

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of March, Springfield Township residents recycled 238.3 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 63.8%. The net cost for the month was \$2,197.69.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1227, a resolution authorizing amendments to the Springfield Township business tax regulations clarifying the allocation formula for gross receipts, and apportioning interstate sales. Mr. Harbison commented that the change in the regulations is revenue neutral and is merely providing greater clarification when reporting the taxes.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to authorize Sean P. Kilkenny, Township Solicitor, to execute a Stipulation to Settle Agreement in the matter of Springfield Township School District vs. the Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals and Genesis Eldercare, 350 Haws Lane, as a means to settle a real estate tax assessment appeal between the two aforementioned parties.

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

Motion (Schaum-Heller) carried unanimously to appoint Katherine Kolbe of Haws Lane to fill an unexpired term of service as the alternate member on the Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission. The unexpired term of service shall expire July 13, 2010.

Mr. Schaum announced that the Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission is sponsoring a Shade Tree Workshop on May 8, 2010 at 10:30 AM in the Free Library of Springfield Township. Mr. Schaum reviewed the purpose of the workshop and announced that the Shade Tree Commission secured 20 trees to be given to those attending the workshop. Mr. Schaum thanked Primex Garden Center, of Glenside, for providing the trees at their wholesale price.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1225, a resolution proclaiming April 24, 2010 as Arbor Day in Springfield Township. Mr. Schaum recognized Brad Turberville, a State forester with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Mr. Turberville provided a brief overview of the economical, health, stormwater management, pollution-reducing, energy-reducing and social benefits of shade trees in our communities. Mr. Turberville then presented the Board of Commissioners with their Fourth Annual Tree City USA Flag.

Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Library Committee, reported:

Mr. Gillies announced that the Springfield Community Foundation will be presenting the first annual "Taste of Springfield" on Sunday, April 25, 2010 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Flourtown Country Club. Local restaurants will be participating in the event, with proceeds to benefit the Springfield Community Foundation and its scholarship fund.

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

Mr. Standish announced that the Springfield Township Police Association is sponsoring a free document shredder event for all residents and business owners in Springfield Township. The event will be held on April 24, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Flourtown on Bethlehem Pike.

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

Motion (Peirce-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt the April 12, 2010 procedure for naming or renaming parks within Springfield Township. Ms. Peirce noted that the procedure outlines the manner in which the requests will be processed and reviewed, which includes a vetting process by the Township staff, the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Board of Commissioners. The procedure also contains a waiting period of 60 days to receive public comment from residents related to a request to rename a park.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board agenda.

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

Motion (Heller-Peirce) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1226 endorsing and authorizing an application to the Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant Program to receive funding for a project known as the Erdenheim Pedestrian Accessibility Project. Mr. Heller explained that the project will enhance sidewalk improvements and handicapped-accessible curb ramps on both Paper Mill Road and Montgomery Avenue, in the vicinity of Cisco Park.

Mr. Heller also announced that the Township website enhancement group has begun its work and the first point of business will be a survey of residents to receive input on how residents believe the website might be improved to provide further benefits to them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.  
Secretary

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