

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, June 9, 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 with the exception of Mr. Gillies. 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.

Motion (Schaum-Heller) 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. Harbison noted that Mr. Gillies was not in attendance at the meeting as he was attending graduation ceremonies for a family member.

Tim Callahan, 215 Glendalough Road, stated that he has been a resident of Springfield Township for 30 years and he believes Glendalough Road is in awful condition and degrading. He asked that the Board of Commissioners prioritize Glendalough Road for resurfacing.

Liz Stroik, 221 Glendalough Road, reminded the Board of Commissioners that a petition was secured representing 114 households requesting that certain streets in Erdenheim be resurfaced. Ms. Stroik acknowledged that the Township engaged experts to review the Ralumac surface treatment. All experts found the use of the material satisfactory. Ms. Stroik believes the Ralumac looks awful, and believes the materials are deteriorating. Further, she believes the Ralumac product is still emitting odors and noted that one report received by the Township indicated that the ingredients in the Ralumac may be carcinogenic. Ms. Stroik asked that one or two of the Erdenheim streets be resurfaced in 2010.

Mike Seaman, 221 Glendalough Road, indicated that he had an opportunity to discuss with the engineer from the Pennoni Engineering firm the use of the Ramulac product. He noted that the product was applied properly but that it is an inexpensive application on structurally sound roads and provides more time before extensive maintenance is required on the roads.

Special Report

Mr. Harbison reviewed the six reports ordered and received by the Board of Commissioners:

1. The Local Technical Assistance Program of PennDOT indicated that Ralumac was an excellent material to seal older pavements and improve surface friction, and an individual from PennDOT opined that the new surfaces were performing in accordance with their intended purpose.

2. A report from the Asphalt Institute of America stated that the micro-surfacing material being used by Springfield Township over the past decade has performed extremely well, and that Springfield Township is receiving a good value from the use of the micro-surface material. The concern that Ralumac is too coarse of a texture for residential streets is not something that they agreed with, but the texture provides a high skid resistance.

3. As a courtesy, Jim Quigley, a former EAC member, studied the ingredients and material safety data sheets of Ralumac and recommended that further testing be considered citing potential health concerns.

4. OneSource Safety and Health commissioned by the Township's insurance provider indicated that there was no evidence that the cured products of Ramulac propose an unacceptable health risk, and that there is no evidence that would suggest a difference in potential risk between cured asphalt, cured commercial driveway sealer and cured Ralumac product.

5. A report from Pennoni Associates Engineering indicates that the application of the Ralumac on the roadway was done well and provides a good ride, the seams are tight, there is no evidence of raveling, it appears to be preventing water from getting under the application, there are minor areas of roughness and two gutter lines of intersection show some damage, probably due to standing water or drainage from the curb opening from a roof drain.

6. PA DEP Air Quality investigated a complaint of an odor from the Ralumac streets. PA DEP indicated that there was no objectionable malodor.

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

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to approve the May check reconciliation in the amount of \$1,043,753.53, and the June bill listing in the amount of \$652,355.95.

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of May, Springfield Township residents recycled 208.4 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 75.6%. The net cost for the month was \$4,447.07.

Motion (Harbison-Dailey) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 900, an ordinance increasing the indebtedness of Springfield Township through the issuance of a general obligation note in the amount of \$550,000 to finance the Oreland Mill Road stormwater improvements project. The term of the note is ten years at a rate of 3.9% annually and is placed with Citizens Bank.

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

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to waive provisions of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code Section 3301.1 (12) in order to grant permission to the Flourtown Fire Company to conduct a fireworks display on September 11, 2010 in conjunction with their 100th anniversary. The Commissioners also granted permission to the Fire Company to utilize a portion of the Flourtown Country Club to stage the display. The waiver and permission are granted conditioned upon both the Flourtown Fire Company and its pyrotechnical professional adding Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event, and that both organizations work closely with the Township Fire Marshal.

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to waive provisions of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code Section 3301.1 (12) in order to grant permission to the North Hills Country Club to conduct a fireworks display at North Hills Country Club on September 5, 2010. The waiver is granted conditioned upon both the North Hills Country Club and its pyrotechnical professional adding Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event, and that both organizations work closely with the Township Fire Marshal.

Mr. Harbison noted that Mr. Gillies, Chairman of the Library Committee, had no report.

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

Motion (Standish-Heller) carried unanimously to enter into a lease agreement with the Springfield Township Historical Society for the Society to lease office space within the Black Horse Inn. The term of the lease is one year. The Society is leasing approximately 555 sq. ft. on the first floor of the Black Horse Inn. The rent will be one-half of all monies collected in conjunction with a fundraising schedule to be established by the Society. The aforementioned lease has been amended to clarify the payment of bulk water and sewage usage, maintenance for the building infrastructure including utilities, and maintenance of safety

equipment. The proper Township officials will execute the agreement at such time as the lease is placed in a format satisfactory to the Township Solicitor.

Motion (Standish-Heller) carried unanimously to award a contract to Tri-State Grouting of Newark, DE, for Tri-State to bypass pump, clean and perform a video inspection of the Wissahickon interceptor line between Northwestern Avenue and Stenton Avenue for their bid price of \$79,568. Mr. Standish reviewed the other bid proposals received on June 1, 2010.

Motion (Standish-Peirce) carried unanimously to authorize a letter be sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in support of a request by Upper Dublin Township for financial assistance to construct two stormwater detention basins within the Wissahickon Creek watershed.

Motion (Standish-Schaum) carried unanimously to award a contract to Joseph E. Sucher and Sons of Eddystone, PA, to perform specific milling and street resurfacing for their low bid prices as follows: \$1.45 per sq. yard for milling, and \$70 per ton in-place for resurfacing. The total cost of the resurfacing project is \$167,418.75. It was noted that the Township received two other bids on June 7, 2010.

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

Motion (Peirce-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1231, a resolution accepting the terms and conditions of a Montgomery County Open Space Grant to fund phase I of the recreation improvements at Sandy Run Park. The total value of the project is \$231,900 which includes a \$46,400 match from Springfield Township. Ms. Peirce reviewed the phase I improvements.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board did not receive any applications for the month of June and, therefore, the Zoning Hearing Board will not meet during the month. The next scheduled meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board is July 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

Mr. Dailey noted that there is a pending application before the Zoning Hearing Board with which the Board of Commissioners is concerned. Motion (Dailey-Schaum) carried unanimously to authorize the office of the Township Solicitor to attend all future meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board in opposition to the application of T-Mobile Northeast who is requesting permission to install an extension to an existing utility pole at the northeast corner of Stenton Avenue and West Wissahickon Avenue, and placement of an antenna on the utility pole extension.

D. J. Heller, Chairman of Community Development Committee, reported:

Motion (Heller-Peirce) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated June 2, 2010 from Craig Robert Lewis, legal counsel for Federal Realty Investment Trust, owners of the Flourtown Shopping Center, extending the 90 day land development review period to July 15, 2010. This extension relates to an amended final land development plan proposed by Federal Realty which includes the renovation of several existing retail areas within the in-line building portion of the shopping center, the construction of a 5,400 sq. ft. retail building within the existing parking lot, and the renovation of a portion of the existing K-Mart store.

Motion (Heller-Schaum) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated June 3, 2010 from Richard W. Yost, owner of the Yost subdivision, 411 East Mill Road, extending the 90 day land development review period for an additional 60 days. The extension will require the Board of Commissioners to take action at their August 11, 2010 meeting. The subject subdivision is a two lot residential subdivision proposing one additional single family dwelling.

Motion (Heller-Standish) carried unanimously that in compliance with Section 512 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the Board of Commissioners waive the formal land development review process for the proposed reconfiguration of the main parking lot and driveway area of the Mount Saint Joseph Academy, 120 West Wissahickon Avenue, Flourtown. The waiver was in conjunction with plans prepared by Hibbeln Engineering Company entitled Mount Saint Joseph Academy, dated April 20, 2010, last revised June 4, 2010. The waiver of the formal land development review process was subject to the applicant complying with all comments noted in a letter dated June 1, 2010 from the office of the Township Engineer, and that the Academy grant a temporary construction easement to the Township for the construction of a stormwater management swale or berm. The general location of the swale on Academy property is adjacent to the Windsor Road cul-de-sac, the Academy track and all-purpose athletic field down to the Paper Mill Run. Ms. Peirce asked if the Mount Saint Joseph Academy had engaged a traffic engineer to review their proposal. The applicant indicated that they consulted with McMahon and Associates traffic engineers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

