

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, July 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.

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

Steve Steinbrook, 34 Whitemarsh Avenue, addressed the Board with regard to the proposed land development of 9425 Stenton Partners. Mr. Steinbrook expressed his understanding that the Board of Commissioners was going to consider accepting a fee in lieu of the dedication of open space at this location. He thought that was a good idea and hopes the Board of Commissioners may consider spending those funds at the nearby Cisco Park. Mr. Steinbrook also suggested that the scale of the proposed building in comparison to buildings along Whitemarsh Avenue is too large. He did suggest that the buildings on Stenton Avenue were more along the same scale, but is disappointed that the proposed structure is as large as it is. In conclusion, he thanked the Board of Commissioners for their time and attention provided the proposal over the past couple of years.

Barry Bergbauer, 9 West Wissahickon Avenue, presented a petition signed by seven neighbors asking that the Board of Commissioners pay particular attention to the parking and traffic congestion that may be created by Carson Valley Children's Aid utilizing the Schoolhouse property at 15 West Wissahickon Avenue. Mr. Bergbauer discussed driveway access to the site and the number of cars that might be on site during peak times.

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

Mr. Harbison stated that the September workshop meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 6, 2010, which is also Labor Day this year. As a result, the Board of Commissioners will reschedule the workshop meeting for Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 6:30 PM, and the regularly scheduled business meeting for September 8 will be

advertised to begin at 8:30 PM, but will not commence until the workshop meeting is complete.

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to approve the June check reconciliation in the amount of \$635,699.17 and the July bill listing in the amount of \$881,935.36.

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of June, Springfield Township residents recycled 259.1 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 73.8%. The net cost for the month was \$632.91.

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to appoint Joseph Slapinsky, of Harston Lane, and Stephen Heverin, of Bergan Road, to new terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. The new terms of service shall expire June 14, 2013.

Mr. Harbison announced that the Board of Commissioners recently issued a Request for Qualifications for law firms interested in providing labor and employment law counsel to the Township. The Board of Commissioners interviewed representatives from five law firms. All were very impressive.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to appoint the law firm of Ballard Spahr to provide labor and employment law counsel for Springfield Township. The appointment is conditioned upon either Patrick Harvey or John McLaughlin being assigned the account, and that their letter of engagement is consistent with their proposal and placed in a format satisfactory to the office of the Township Solicitor.

Mr. Harbison announced that the Township Treasurer wished to inform all residents interested in paying their real estate taxes at her office in person who desire an accommodation due to a physical handicap to call her office at 215-233-4040 and she will make arrangements to receive those payments.

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

Motion (Schaum-Heller) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 901, an ordinance amending Chapter 62, Peddling and Soliciting, of the Springfield Township Code, authorizing the Board of Commissioners to establish a specific fee for a license to peddle or solicit in Springfield Township via resolution, and allowing the resolution to be amended from time to time to adjust the license fee.

Motion (Schaum-Heller) carried unanimously I move that the Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution No. 1232, a resolution establishing daily, monthly and annual license fees to peddle or solicit merchandise and/or services in Springfield Township pursuant to Ordinance No. 901. Mr. Harbison explained

the concept of establishing and maintaining license fees comparable to communities in the area.

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to reappoint Peter Wilson and Tom McClelland to new three years terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission. The new terms of service shall expire July 30, 2013.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to reappoint Joseph Gerber to a new six year term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Police Civil Service Commission. The new term of service shall expire July 16, 2016.

Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Library Committee, reported:

Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously to adopt the June 2, 2010 By-Laws of the Free Library of Springfield Township Advisory Committee. Mr. Gillies explained the differences between the new By-Laws and the By-Laws that were previously utilized by the Library Board of Directors. Mr. Heller asked that the "Friends of the Library", as presented within the By-Laws, be clarified in the final draft of the By-Laws.

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

Motion (Standish-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1233 authorizing participation with other Southeastern Pennsylvania municipalities to secure legal, engineering and legislative services for stormwater regulatory support. Mr. Standish explained that PA DEP has not fulfilled their obligations to create regulations under the Clean Water Act, however, it appears they wish to hold municipalities responsible for their obligations which cannot be fulfilled until the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has completed its work. Mr. Gillies indicated that the costs associated with the PA DEP proposal are quite substantial and he believes the State Legislators should take financial responsibility for their law and not place responsibility on PA DEP staff to create the regulations.

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

Motion (Peirce-Heller) carried unanimously to accept a letter from Susan Herwig resigning her position on the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Ms. Peirce thanked Ms. Herwig for her service on the community and wished her and her family well with their relocation plans.

An announcement was made that the Board of Commissioners will accept letters of interest and/or resumes from residents interested in serving on the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on July 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-Gillies) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated July 7, 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 until August 12, 2010. The 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 retail portion of the shopping center, the construction of a 5400 sq. ft. retail building within the existing parking lot, and the renovation of a portion of the existing K-Mart store.

Motion (Heller-Schaum) vote 6-1, Peirce opposed, to approve the preliminary land development plan entitled 9425 Stenton Avenue prepared by Momenee and Associates Inc. dated March 6, 2008, last revised June 16, 2010. The subject of the land development is the demolition of the existing multi-use building at 9425 Stenton Avenue, and the reconstruction of 30 condominium living units. In conjunction with the plan approval, the Board of Commissioners also provided the following waivers to the Township Code and provided guidance to resolve certain outstanding issues:

1. Section 95-7.I. The Board of Commissioners will accept the submitted traffic study as satisfying the traffic impact study requirement.
2. Section 95-10.A. A waiver will be granted from the requirement to widen both Stenton Avenue and Whitemarsh Avenue to a 30 foot cartway width.
3. Section 95-11.E(2)(a). The Board of Commissioners will accept the option of payment of a fee in lieu of offering land to be dedicated for park and recreation areas.
4. Section 95-11.I(11)(c). The manner in which the tree replacement is proposed by the applicant is acceptable.

The plan approval is subject to the applicant resolving all outstanding issues as set forth in the July 1, 2010 letter from the Township Engineer to the Code Enforcement officer.

Motion (Heller-Dailey) vote 6-1, Peirce opposed, 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 improvements at “The School House”, 15 West Wissahickon Avenue, owned by Carson Valley Children’s Aid. The waiver is in conjunction with Carson Valley’s intentions to perform interior renovations of the existing structure at 15 West Wissahickon Avenue to convert two existing apartment spaces back to the original educational use of the building. The waiver of the formal land development review process is subject to the applicant securing all requisite permits and performing all work required in compliance with the Springfield Township Code and applicable laws and regulations.

Mr. Heller hopes Carson Valley Children’s Aid will make every effort to help address on-street parking and traffic congestion in relation to their use of The Schoolhouse. He also wanted to comment that he believes the scale of 9425 Stenton Partners was too large, but believed the review process provided opportunities for that matter to be considered.

Dan Helwig, one of the partners of 9425 Stenton Partners, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their considerations during the long review process.

Tom and Carol Concannon, 303 Longfield Road, addressed the Board of Commissioners indicating they have an ongoing issue with stormwater in their basement. On numerous occasions they have replaced the utilities located in their basement. They are having a difficult time with the smell in their basement and have been in touch with Township staff on numerous occasions. The Concannons want to address the issue with the Board of Commissioners as a part of the next monthly meeting.

Judy Pattituci, 101 East Wissahickon Avenue, addressed the Board of Commissioners and indicated that she lives near the Flourtown Country Club and had drainage issues that were resolved through the hire of a waterproofing company. With regard to Carson Valley Children’s Aid using The Schoolhouse building on West Wissahickon Avenue, she understood the concern for on-street parking and the unloading of children. Ms. Pattituci said that previously the unloading was done at the St. Genevieve’s Church parking area and the children were crossed in order to get to their school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

