

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, July 11, 2012, 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. Schaum, Vice President, presided.

Mr. Schaum asked everyone to join the Board of Commissioners in a moment of silent reflection honoring the service men and women who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to help preserve our safety. Mr. Schaum also asked that those present reflect on the life and contributions of former Commissioner Jack Siefert who passed away over the past weekend.

Motion (Dailey-Peirce) carried unanimously dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous business meeting as well as the public hearing held on June 13, 2012 as written and recorded in the official minute book of the Township.

Mr. Schaum noted that Mr. Gillies was unable to attend the meeting as he was away on personal business.

As noted earlier, the Springfield Township family lost one of its members this past week, former Commissioner J. "Jack" William Siefert. Mr. Siefert was first appointed to the Board of Commissioners in 1966 and subsequently elected to his first term of office in 1968. Jack served Springfield Township as a member of the Board of Commissioners for 20 years, and served as President of the Board for 16 years. Through Mr. Siefert's guidance, Springfield Township became a council-manager form of government in 1970, and was one of the first communities to adopt that form of government in the Commonwealth. Jack also contributed to the betterment of local government through his presidencies of both the Montgomery County Association of First Class Township Officers and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners. Jack will be missed by his friends and family, and the Board of Commissioners wished his wife Mary all the best during this difficult time.

Mr. Schaum opened the meeting for public comments, but no comments were received.

Mr. Schaum, on behalf of Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Internal Affairs Committee, reported:

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to approve the June check reconciliation in the amount of \$869,146.11 and the July bill listing in the amount of \$1,479,614.45.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Works and Safety Committees, reported:

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to waive the provisions of Section 3301.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code in order that the North Hills Country Club may conduct a fireworks display on Sunday evening, September 2, 2012 at approximately 9:00 PM. The waiver is conditioned upon the Country Club and the fireworks professional adding Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event, and that the organizations involved work closely with the Fire Marshal to help prevent an accident and to create a plan of action in the event an accident does occur.

Mr. Schaum announced that on July 9, 2012, the Township opened five sealed bids for equipment rental with operators. Mr. Schaum summarized the list of bids received, and noted that the equipment would be utilized on an as-needed basis but maintaining the information in advance permits the Township quicker access to the low bidder.

Mr. Standish, Chairman of Human Resources Committee, had no report.

Ms. Peirce, Chairwoman of Library Committee, had no report.

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

Motion (Dailey-Standish) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1276, a resolution accepting the deeds of dedication for a portion of Haws Lane adjacent to Erdenheim Elementary School. The dedication of the public improvements along Haws Lane was required as a part of the land development approval process for the new Erdenheim Elementary School.

Mr. Harbison, Chairman of Cultural Resources Committee, reported:

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to reappoint Jennifer Ponce to a new three year term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission. The new three year term of service shall expire July 13, 2015.

Mr. Bell, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Bell announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will not meet during the month of July 2012 as the Zoning Hearing Board did not receive any applications. The next scheduled meeting for the Zoning Hearing Board is Monday evening, August 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

An announcement was made that during the month of June, Springfield Township residents recycled 205 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 79.4%. The net cost for the month was \$7,375.85.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary