

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, January 9, 2013 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. Gillies presided.

Mr. Gillies 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. Gillies led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) 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.

Correspondence: None.

Special Reports: None.

Mr. Gillies introduced Joseph Clement, of the Wisler Pearlstine law offices, who would be providing legal counsel for the evening.

Genie McClintock, 17 Brookside Road, presented comments and questions from her neighbors. Some of the questions or comments included: interest in the funding mechanism for the possible buyouts of homes on Hemlock Road, opinion that the stormwater management projects of the Township continue to evolve, and she wondered if there was any disagreement with regard to the need for additional stormwater improvements to the benefit of Brookside Road properties. Mr. Gillies indicated that the Township was in the process of creating a draft comprehensive stormwater management plan that may be available at next month's meeting.

Derek Calhoun, 120 Ulmer Avenue, indicated that he was interested in serving on the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Mr. Calhoun was provided instruction on how to submit a letter of interest.

Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Internal Affairs Committee, reported:

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the December check reconciliation in the amount of \$1,253,056.60 and the January bill listing in the amount of \$554,441.85.

Motion (Gillies-Bell) carried unanimously that in compliance with Section 530 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, the Board of Commissioners appoint Rachele Foley, of Terminal Avenue, Erdenheim, to serve at the Chairperson of the Springfield Township Vacancy Board.

Mr. Gillies announced that the Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on February 13, 2013 at the conclusion of the regular business meeting of the Board on that same date. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on a request from Giant Food Stores to transfer a Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License from outside of Springfield Township into Springfield Township. Giant plans to operate a restaurant inside its grocery store located at 1874 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown. Giant intends to sell beer for consumption on the premises and for take-out, and at some future time, Giant might consider selling wine for consumption on the premises.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Works and Safety Committees, had no report.

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

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

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported.

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will next meet on Monday evening, January 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board agenda.

Motion (Dailey-Schaum) carried unanimously to authorize the office of the Township Solicitor to attend all future Zoning Hearing Board meetings related to a variance request for off-street parking requirements associated with the Erdenheim Elementary School, 500 Haws Lane, Flourtown, in order to create a legal record and secure additional information on the application before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion (Dailey-Bell) carried unanimously to reappoint James Curtis and Daniel Clifford to new three year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board. The new terms of service shall expire December 31, 2015.

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

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to accept a letter from Dr. William Mebane dated December 17, 2012, wherein Dr. Mebane states his need to resign his membership on the Black Horse Inn Advisory Committee as he and Mrs. Mebane will soon be relocating from Springfield Township. Mr. Harbison noted that Dr. Mebane is one of the original members on the Black Horse Inn Advisory Committee and was very helpful in preserving the building. The Board of Commissioners wished Dr. and Mrs. Mebane well as they relocate from Springfield Township.

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

Mr. Bell announced that there is currently a vacancy on the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Any resident interested in serving on the Commission should send a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners at the Springfield Township Building, or through the Springfield Township website. Mr. noted that the EAC advises the Board of Commissioners and other Township advisory committees on issues related to the management, use and protection of the Springfield Township environment. The EAC typically meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

Mr. Bell announced that during the month of December, Springfield Township residents recycled 208.4 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 77.7%. The net cost for the month was \$7,113.27.

Gretchen Slapinsky, 910 Harston Lane, addressed the Board of Commissioners as both a resident and a member of the Springfield Township School Board. Ms. Slapinsky stated that during the month of December, there were 3 or 4 special events at Erdenheim Elementary School when parking was made available through the use of the upper parking lot at the elementary school, as well as parking at the high school and middle school. She noted that the School Board is aware of concerns of area residents for on-street parking adjacent to the elementary school and the Board and school administration are committed to helping resolve the parking issues. Ms. Peirce inquired whether the parking lot was a parking lot or a playground, and whether the School Board had thought to create a playground for the school. Ms. Slapinsky indicated that the area is utilized for both parking and a playground at different times. Mr. Dailey suggested that the school district made representations at the original Zoning Hearing Board meeting with regard to the construction of the Erdenheim Elementary School and the parking requirements at that time. Those conditions may need to be reviewed in conjunction with the current application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

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