

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on February 13, 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.

Special Report

Mr. Bell noted that on Saturday, January 26, 2013, the Weir family, the community, and the Flourtown Fire Company unexpectedly lost a loved and respected individual with the death of D. James Weir. Mr. Weir left behind his wife, Robyn, and son, Chris. Mr. Bell remarked that Mr. Weir was held in high regard and was respected by his friends, relatives, co-workers, and members of the Flourtown Fire Company. Mr. Weir was a life-active member of the Flourtown Fire Company, serving as Chief for 9 years and was also active in the community through the Flourtown Erdenheim Little League, where he once served as President.

Mr. Gillies remarked that the Board of Commissioners is considering conducting a public hearing with regard to a rezoning request related to the Lloyd tract on E. Willow Grove Avenue. An announcement will be made when details are available.

Special Announcement

Mr. Gillies announced that later in the evening, the Board of Commissioners would conduct a Public Hearing with regard to the intermunicipal transfer of a PA LCB License from a facility in West Conshohocken Borough to the Giant Food Store located at 1874 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown. Anyone with comments on this topic was asked to hold their comments until the public hearing was conducted.

Special Presentations

William House, of Flourtown, was asked to join Commissioner Bell at the front of the meeting room to receive a commendation from the Board or Commissioners in the form of a Resolution. Commissioner Bell outlined the long history of service from Mr. House and his family to the Flourtown Fire Company. Mr. House served the Flourtown Fire Company for 70 years, during which time he served in a variety of line officer positions including Fire Chief, a position he held for 25 years.

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1290, a resolution honoring a life of service of John William House as a member of the Flourtown Fire Company. It was noted that many members of the Flourtown Fire Company were in attendance at the meeting to support and honor Mr. House.

John Connor, of Wyndmoor, was asked to join Commissioner Schaum at the front of the meeting room in order for Mr. Connor to receive a commendation from the Board of Commissioners in the form of a Resolution. Mr. Schaum outlined the years of service of Mr. Connor to Springfield Township as an employee. Mr. Connor worked for the Township during summers while in high school and college. He then became a full time member of the Public Works Department and eventually served as the Director of Public Works for 26 years. Many members of the Public Works Department and Township Staff surrounded Mr. Connor as Mr. Schaum read into the record Resolution No. 1291.

Motion (Schaum-Bell) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1291, a resolution honoring a career of service to Springfield Township from John F. Connor.

Genie McClintock, 17 Brookside Road, wished to confirm that the comprehensive stormwater management plan would be available for the Commissioners as a part of their March meetings. Mr. Gillies confirmed that it would be and that, in fact, it would be made available to them just prior to the meeting. Mr. Gillies noted that it was from this plan that the Board of Commissioners will try to identify priorities for future stormwater management projects.

Howard Supplee, 105 Orlemann Avenue, discussed his ongoing concern with lighting from a neighboring industrial property on to his property. Messrs. Berger and Supplee discussed action taken by the Township through the local district court wherein the operator of the property was asked to redirect the light closest to Mr. Supplee's house, which was completed. Mr. Supplee does not believe that that was enough and he is still bothered by the light.

Michael and Anna Nero, 616 Haws Lane, thanked the Township for the attention given to them to date related to their concerns for creek bank erosion adjacent to their property. They understand that they have been placed on a list for future disaster relief, but

hope that their house will be maintained until such time as that occurs. They did express their disappointment that they must wait until a disaster occurs in order to be eligible for funding.

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

Motion (Gillies-Bell) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 922, an ordinance amending the Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 81, Sewers, to permit revenues received from the annual sanitary sewer rental rate to be utilized for the operation and maintenance of the Springfield Township sanitary and storm sewer collection systems and appurtenances.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the January check reconciliation in the amount of \$535,390.27 and the February bill listing in the amount of \$682,615.35.

Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 923, an ordinance amending the Springfield Township Code, Chapter 100, Taxation, to set the compensation rate for the Township Tax Collector. The compensation rate was set at \$10,000 and is consistent with the current compensation rate.

Motion (Gillies-Bell) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1294, a resolution establishing fees for services rendered by the office of the Township Tax Collector. The fees are associated with work outside the normal duties of the tax collector.

Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1292, a resolution establishing a Schedule of Costs for the collection of delinquent earned income taxes that shall be recovered by the Springfield Township Earned Income Tax Collector from any delinquent earned income taxpayer.

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

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1293, a resolution designating Donald G. Sirianni, Director of Public Works, as the authorized agent for Springfield Township to work with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to secure financial assistance for the Township in association with Hurricane Sandy.

Motion (Schaum-Standish) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1289, a resolution adopting the 2012 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Springfield Township Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion (Schaum-Bell) carried unanimously to appoint Marc Perry, of MacArthur Road, to fill the unexpired term of service as the alternate member of the Police Civil Service Commission. The term of service shall expire July 16, 2014.

Mr. Dailey made comment that he would like the Board of Commissioners to continue to consider appointing a second alternate to the Police Civil Service Commission, and would like to discuss same next month.

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

Ms. Peirce, Chairwoman of Library Committee, reported:

Mr. Peirce reported that the Free Library of Springfield Township was one of 200 libraries throughout the United States that won a "Read, Build and Play" competition sponsored by Lego. The Township Library received a Lego early literacy kit which includes books and Lego bricks.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Motion (Dailey-Peirce) carried unanimously to reappoint Jean Kirshenbaum to a new three year term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Website Enhancement Committee. The new three year term of service shall expire February 8, 2016.

Mr. Harbison, Chairman of Cultural Resources Committee, had no report.

Mr. Bell, Chairman of Community Development Committee

Motion (Bell-Harbison) carried unanimously to authorize participation in the Penn Future Rooftop Solar Challenge Phase II, which is a grant application through the US Department of Energy Sun Shot Grant. The purpose of the grant is to help Pennsylvania municipalities create zoning regulations, permit procedures, and inspection requirements for solar energy systems.

Mr. Bell provided background information related to three pending resolutions and a tri-party agreement between Springfield Township, Traditions of Springfield, and Genesis Healthcare/Harston Inc. The entire property is located at 350 Haws Lane, and is currently owned by Genesis Healthcare/Harston Inc. If a subdivision of land is approved, Genesis Healthcare proposes to construct a 39 space parking lot that is the subject of a land development, and Traditions of Springfield proposes a 107 unit senior living apartment

building, which will also require a future land development plan approval. In an effort to expedite the installation of curbs and sidewalks along Haws Lane that will connect the Erdenheim Elementary School with the surrounding neighborhood, the Board of Commissioners will be asked to authorize the execution of a tri-party agreement between the two aforementioned corporations and the Township which will outline the responsibilities of each of the parties with regard to plan approvals and the installation of the public improvements.

Motion (Bell-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1295, a resolution approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan of Traditions of Springfield, 350 Haws Lane. The subdivision is a two lot subdivision presented on a two-sheet plan set dated November 26, 2008, last revised January 25, 2012, prepared by Charles E. Shoemaker Inc.

Motion (Bell-Standish) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1296, a resolution approving the preliminary land development plan for the Traditions of Springfield, 350 Haws Lane. The subject of the land development is the construction of a four story 107 unit senior living facility and related improvements including a 121 space parking lot. The land development plans consist of 25 sheets prepared by Charles E. Shoemaker Inc., dated January 16, 2009, last revised January 25, 2012, and a Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Narrative dated January 16, 2009, last revised January 25, 2012 prepared by Charles E. Shoemaker Inc.

Motion (Bell-Standish) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1297, a resolution approving the preliminary/final land development plan for Genesis Healthcare/Harston Inc., at 350 Haws Lane. The subject of the land development is the construction of a 39 space parking lot, and associated improvements on a seven sheet plan set dated October 28, 2010, last revised March 28, 2011 prepared by Hibbeln Engineering Co., LLC, and an Arboricultural Inspection and Mitigation Plan dated March 15, 2011 prepared by John Rockwell Hosbach, Jr., RCA.

Motion (Bell-Schaum) carried unanimously to authorize the execution of a Tri-Party Agreement for the Haws Lane improvements. The Tri-Party Agreement is between Springfield Township, Genesis Healthcare/Harston Inc., and Traditions of Springfield LLC related to public improvements at 350 Haws Lane as depicted in the approved preliminary/final subdivision plan of Traditions of Springfield, the preliminary land development plan of Traditions of Springfield, and the preliminary/final land development plans of Genesis Healthcare/Harston Inc. The Tri-Party Agreement outlines the responsibilities of each party with regard to the construction of the public improvements and the manner in which the Township will be reimbursed for any costs associated with the construction of the improvements if the other two parties do not complete the construction of the public improvements.

Mr. Garrity asked if Messrs. Bell and Schaum would agree to amend the motion that the Tri-Party Agreement would be in such a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor. Both gentlemen agreed and the vote remained unanimous on the amended motion. Mr. Garrity suggested that due to the interest of the Board of Commissioners to protect the safety of the children in the neighborhood who might utilize a sidewalk along Haws Lane, the Board of Commissioners wished to enter into an agreement whereby the sidewalks would be constructed in a timely fashion, and that any costs that the Township incurs associated with the construction of the improvements, the Board of Commissioners would be reimbursed within three years of the construction.

Motion (Bell-Dailey) carried unanimously to approve the land development of LaSalle College High School, which consists of a 25 sheet plan set dated July 13, 2012, last revised December 7, 2012, a Post Construction Stormwater Management Report, and an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Report dated December 2012 as prepared by Hibbeln Engineering Co., LLC. The subject of the land development is the installation of an artificial turf surface and athletic field lighting at Flannery Field of LaSalle College High School. Approval of the land development is subject to the applicant complying with a letter dated January 18, 2013 from the office of the Township Engineer. The approval also includes waivers to the following sections of the Springfield Township Code:

1. Chapter 95-11.I(1)(a) and (b) related to screening buffers between land uses.
2. Chapter 95-11.I(6)(a) [2] - *Cercis Canadensis* understory trees may be utilized as plant material.
3. Chapter 95-11.I(11)(c) - the applicant shall replace 24 trees in order to be in compliance with the tree removal/replacement requirements.
4. Chapter 88-12(B)(1)(i) - the applicant will provide a blanket easement in the area of the stormwater management BMPs as opposed to a 15 foot wide easement in this area.

Mr. Bell announced that there is currently a vacancy on the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Mr. Bell provided information on how residents may submit letters of interest to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion (Bell-Peirce) carried unanimously to appoint Joseph Slapinsky, of Harston Lane, as the alternate representative from Springfield Township to the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership.

Mr. Bell announced that during the month of January, Springfield Township residents recycled 266.1 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 78.6%. The net cost for the month was \$3,177.01.

Motion (Bell-Harbison) carried unanimously to reappoint Angela Murray, George Schaefer, and David Sands to new four years terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Planning Commission. The new four year terms of service will expire February 16, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary