

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

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

Mr. Gillies introduced Andy Friemuth who was representing the office of the Township Solicitor at the business meeting.

**Special Report**

Howard Supplee, of Orlemann Avenue, previously addressed the Board of Commissioners on his ongoing concern for lighting on his property that originates at the First Student Bus Company on Orelan Mill Road. While the Bus Company modified one of the lights in question as a result of a decision by the District Court, the ambient light from the Bus Company continues to prevent Mr. Supplee's peaceful enjoyment of his property. The conditions were reinspected and the Bus Company has been asked to modify their lighting further to help preclude the light from entering Mr. Supplee's property.

Genie McClintock, Brookside Road, noted that the Commissioners recently received a draft Stormwater Management Report from the Township Engineer. From previous discussions, it did not appear that there were specific solutions for various problems. Mr. Gillies agreed and indicated that at this point, the review is more general or broad-based but will become more focused. Ms. McClintock also discussed the possible construction of a detention basin in Wyndmoor that may assist in her neighborhood, and she also expressed interest in a landscaping project in Cisco Park.

Rita Ford, Glenn Circle and Brookside Road, asked whether the Montgomery Avenue drainage project would proceed given the specificity of that project. Mr. Gillies indicated that the stormwater issues are currently being prioritized, then systematically individual projects may progress. Ms. Peirce stated her interest in securing specific improvements for various stormwater concerns. Mr. Berger noted that at this point, the Commissioners and Township staff have been asked to prioritize the problems, and based on the priorities, the engineer will be assigned projects to address the most pressing

issues. Mr. Dailey wished to remind all that the Board took steps to utilize surplus sanitary sewer funds for storm sewer improvements within the Township.

Anna and Michael Nero, and father-in-law Aubrey Meyers, 616 Haws Lane, addressed the Commissioners on their concern for creek erosion adjacent to their residence. Mr. Meyers reviewed earlier requests for assistance, and noted that, to date, no relief has occurred. He asked that the Commissioners understand the concerns of the Neros for the integrity of their structure. Mr. Nero reviewed the fact that several evergreens along the creek bank have been eroded, and also reviewed his concern for tree removal in the creek during an emergency situation. Mr. Bell inquired whether the Neros could perform some work within the creek while the Township attempts to secure public assistance. Mr. Berger indicated that they could perform stabilization work, and that the Township normally authorizes the engineer to provide some guidance in this regard.

Dan Harasewych, 407 Hemlock Road, noted that he was present to learn more about the FEMA grant earmarked to purchase several Hemlock Road properties adjacent to the creek.

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

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the February check reconciliation in the amount of \$566,557.54 and the March bill listing in the amount of \$454,938.12.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) to adopt Resolution No. 1298, a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of a retail Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board license, with conditions, from West Conshohocken Borough into Springfield Township to be owned by Giant Food Stores LLC for use at their proposed grocery store at the Flourtown Shopping Center, 1874 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown. Mr. Gillies read into the record Resolution No. 1298.

Mr. Harbison indicated that the Commissioners are responsible to understand whether evidence presented at the public hearing would indicate that it would be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the community if the license was transferred. He believes that there would be detrimental effects on the community, and therefore, he plans to vote in opposition to the transfer.

Mr. Dailey indicated that he was excited to learn that Giant was moving to the old K-Mart store location. In the process, as the representative of the local political ward, he met with area residents and worked through concerns for the redevelopment of the area, such as lighting, truck traffic, and the hiring of local residents. He was disappointed to later learn of the liquor license and hoped to have discussed this with the local residents given the possible different dynamic of the food store. He is also concerned that there may be detrimental effects to the health, safety and welfare of the community. Mr. Dailey went on to discuss

conditioning of the license, which would provide the PA LCB with notice of local conditions.

Mr. Bell indicated that when speaking to local residents, they were overwhelmingly supporting of Giant receiving a liquor license. Residents were looking forward to the convenience, enhancement of the shopping center, and an enhanced shopping experience.

Ms. Peirce stated she also heard from residents who were supportive of the concept.

Mr. Standish stated his belief that the operations associated with the liquor license would not have an adverse affect on the health, safety and welfare of the community any more than any other restaurant within the Township. He also did not believe that it would adversely affect the economic viability of any other restaurant in Springfield.

Mr. Gillies indicated that he tended to agree with Mr. Harbison but would ask for consideration of a condition that would not allow the consumption of alcohol on the premises before 10:00 AM, Monday through Friday.

Unsolicited, counsel for Giant Food Stores, Stan Wolowski, indicated that Giant would accept such a condition. Both Messrs. Gillies and Schaum, who presented the original motion, accepted an amended motion to approve the liquor license transfer as a conditional license with conditions that no music, announcements or other broadcasts would be permitted within the outside seating area of the restaurant, and that no beer or alcoholic beverages will be sold for on-premises consumption prior to 10:00 AM, Monday through Friday.

Vote on the motion was 5-2, Harbison and Dailey opposed.

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

Mr. Schaum announced that the Board of Commissioners was pleased to learn that the Township received approval of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$4,286,570 to acquire and raze twelve residences in the 400 and 500 blocks of Hemlock Road, Flouertown. The subject twelve dwellings are flooded on a regular basis by waters of the Sunnybrook Creek. On a voluntary basis, each household will provided an opportunity to sell their homes and move away from the flooding hazard. The funding provided is 75% FEMA, 22% PEMA, and 3% Springfield Township, or locally a \$128,597 contribution. Michael Taylor, Assistant Township Manager, was commended for his persistence in securing the grant.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) carried unanimously to appoint James Kolea, of Cherry Lane, to fill an unexpired term of service as the second alternate on the Police Civil Service Commission. The term of service is due to expire July 16, 2013.

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement for police services with Haverford Township, Delaware County, in conjunction with the 2013 PGA US Open Golf Championship to be held at the Merion Golf Club. Mr. Schaum provided a summary of the conditions surrounding the mutual aid agreement.

Mr. Standish, Chairman of Human Resources Committee, reported:

Motion (Standish-Schaum) carried unanimously to award a contract to Lawn Rangers Inc. to provide lawn mowing services and field maintenance for specified township parks for their low bid price of \$18,940 for calendar year 2013. An option for calendar year 2014 at the same cost was provided. The Township received 6 bids for this work on February 28, 2013.

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

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would not meet during the month of March as the Zoning Hearing Board did not receive any applications. The next scheduled meeting for the Zoning Hearing Board is April 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

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

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

Motion (Bell-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution no. 1299, a resolution endorsing an application to the Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant Program for the purpose of milling and resurfacing all or portions of Clement Road, Ulmer Avenue, Redford Road, Garth Road, and Dale Road, in Oreland. Phase I of the project will include the milling and resurfacing of Ulmer Avenue and Garth Road, and Phase II might include Redford Road, Clement Road, and Dale Road.

Motion (Bell-Peirce) carried unanimously to appoint Derek Colquhoun, of Ulmer Avenue, to fill an unexpired term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. The term of service shall expire June 14, 2014.

Motion (Bell-Schaum) 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 land development plan of Moore Push Pin, 1300 E. Mermaid Lane, Wyndmoor. The waiver was conditioned upon all representations made by the property owner before the Township Planning Commission on March 15, 2013, and in compliance with plans presented dated December 21, 2012. The subject of the land development is the re-use of 10,925 sq. ft. of the existing building for use as a warehouse and associated offices. The land development contemplates modest interior improvements but there will be no exterior renovations.

Mr. Bell announced that during the month of February, Springfield Township residents recycled 179.3 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 77.7%. The net cost for the month was \$9,880.57. He also announced that the Board of Commissioners is sponsoring an e-waste recycling day, Saturday, March 16, 2013, at the Springfield Township High School. The program will accept all electronic devices with a plug, except smoke detectors, large appliances, and projection TVs.

Mr. Bell was also pleased to announce that the Township RecycleBank program recognized the Springfield Middle School as a school that met their "green school challenge". The Middle School students encouraged residents to donate RecycleBank points to their school in order to help fund an environmental educational program. As a result, the RecycleBank Corporation donated \$2500 to the Middle School and a corporate sponsor Domtar donated an additional \$250.

Motion (Bell-Standish) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1300, a resolution endorsing a grant application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of enhancing a riparian buffer at Cisco Park. The enhanced riparian buffer is valued at \$29,450, which includes a 50% match of \$14,725 from Springfield Township. It was noted that the project was designed and the application created by the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.  
Secretary