

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on April 10, 2013. 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. Gillies noted that for the past several months, the Nero family, 616 Haws Lane, has addressed the Board of Commissioners on their interest in securing assistance from the Township to stabilize the creek bank erosion conditions adjacent to their residence. During the month, the office of the Township Engineer considered several alternative means by which the creek banks might be stabilized. The methodologies were discussed at the April 8 workshop meeting with the Neros. At this time, the Township is securing cost estimates for the work necessary. However, while this research is being done, the Board of Commissioners has not decided whether they will participate financially in the stabilization project.

Genie McClintock, Brookside Road, addressed the Board and indicated her understanding that the Township Engineer was finalizing his report on stormwater management throughout the Township. She understood that Brookside Road was ranked #2 as a priority but that the Commissioners had authorized design of the drainage project on Montgomery Avenue at Terminal Avenue. She inquired whether the basin of Carlisle Road was under design. Mr. Gillies indicated that it was not, but it was also a priority of the Board and it will be discussed further.

Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Internal Affairs Committee:

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the March check reconciliation in the amount of \$564,723.59 and the April bill listing in the amount of \$573,775.75.

Motion (Gillies-Peirce) carried unanimously to authorize the Board to execute an engagement letter with Jennifer W. Brown, Esq. to provide legal counsel in regard to the collection of business taxes in the Township. Ms. Brown has performed this work for many years for the Township, but is now joining a different law firm. The new law firm is Flamm Walton PC. The hourly rate is set at \$160 per hour, which is consistent with the existing rate.

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

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency as a sub-grantee of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant valued at \$4,286,570. Mr. Schaum reviewed the funding of the grant as 75% Federal contribution, 22% Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and 3% Springfield Township. The purpose of the grant is to acquire and raze twelve dwellings in the 400 and 500 blocks of Hemlock Road, Flourtown. These dwellings are adjacent to the Sunnybrook Creek and sustain flood damage on a regular basis. He also noted that while the Township is entering into the agreement with PEMA, the agreement does not obligate the individual property owners to participate in the program at this time.

Mr. Dailey thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support in regard to the issues of flooding of the Hemlock Road residences. He noted that the process has been an eighteen month process getting to this point. He also extended a special commendation to Mike Taylor, Assistant Township Manager, who worked with the neighbors providing good communication and arranging for the collection of all the technical data.

Motion (Schaum-Bell) carried unanimously to grant permission to the Wyndmoor Hose Company to utilize Veterans Park to stage a fireworks display on Saturday evening, June 22, 2013 in conjunction with their annual carnival. In addition, Section 3301.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code was waived related to the aforementioned fireworks display. As a condition for the use of the property and waiver of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code, the Wyndmoor Hose Company and their fireworks professional shall add Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event. Furthermore, the organizations involved were directed to work closely with the Fire Marshal.

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

Motion (Standish-Dailey) carried unanimously to permit the A.V. Savage American Legion Post to serve beer at Veterans Park in conjunction with a Community Day Celebration on May 27, 2013. The approval was conditioned upon the following: (1) a special township police detail shall be secured and, (2) Springfield Township shall be listed as an additional insured on the American Legion Post insurance rider for this event.

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 next meet on April 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

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

Mr. Harbison announced that the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Advisory Commission are hosting an Arbor Day Celebration on April 27, 2013 at the Sandy Run Park in Oreland. Mr. Harbison reviewed the schedule of events that morning and the fact that the first 25 participants will each receive a tree for their private residence.

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

Mr. Bell announced that during the month of March, Springfield Township residents recycled 176.2 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 78%. The net cost for the month was \$10,119.98.

Mr. Bell also announced that the Township leaf mulch is now available free of charge at the Township police pistol range on West Wissahickon Avenue.

Rita Ford, of Windsor Road and Brookside Road, indicated that she was aware of the project to improve stormwater at Montgomery Avenue and Terminal Avenue, but understood there was also a project at Bethlehem Pike and Brookside Road. Ms. Ford was informed that the Township did not have a project at Bethlehem Pike and Brookside Road, but the work at Montgomery and Terminal Avenues would assist with the stormwater at Bethlehem Pike. Any work done on Bethlehem Pike will be performed by PennDOT. Ms. Ford asked if the work at Montgomery and Terminal Avenues could adversely affect the southern side of Brookside Road by placing more water in the adjacent stream. Ms. Ford was told that this condition will be reviewed as a part of the engineering study necessary to create the Montgomery and Terminal Avenue project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary