

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, May 8, 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, with the exception of Mr. Bell. 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 noted the absence of Commissioner Bell who was unable to attend the meeting as he was recovering from surgery.

Andy Freimuth was introduced as representing the office of the Township Solicitor.

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

Motion (Gillies-Peirce) carried unanimously to approve the April check reconciliation in the amount of \$542,657.09 and the May bill listing in the amount of \$798,669.47.

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

Motion (Schaum-Standish) carried unanimously to endorse an application through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program by submitting a grant application to acquire, then raze, 2012 Carolton Way, Flourtown. Participation by the property owner is on a voluntary basis.

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1302, a resolution establishing Michael Taylor, Assistant Township Manager, as the designated agent for Springfield Township as it relates to the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) carried unanimously to amend the Springfield Township Code, Section 107-24, Schedule I, Speed Limits, by establishing a 25 MPH speed limit for the entire length of Sandy Hill Road.

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

Motion (Standish-Peirce) carried unanimously to reappoint Chris Tomlinson and Gloria Thompson to new three year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. Their new terms of service shall expire May 12, 2016.

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

Ms. Peirce reported on behalf of Mr. Bell, Chairman of Community Development Committee:

Ms. Peirce announced that during the month of April, Springfield Township residents recycled 197.7 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 83.1%. The net cost for the month was \$8,459.54.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on May 20, 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:

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1301, a Resolution proclaiming April 27, 2013 as Arbor Day in Springfield Township. The resolution also urges all citizens to join the Shade Tree Commission to support efforts of planting new trees and protecting existing trees and woodlands. Mr. Harbison indicated that the recent Arbor Day Celebration was a successful program co-sponsored by the Township Environmental Advisory Commission and the Shade Tree Commission. The celebration included an educational piece as well as provided trees for residents to plant on their own properties.

Peter Wilson, 810 Longfield Road, addressed the Board of Commissioners as a representative of the Township Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Wilson also remarked on the successful Arbor Day celebration and noted that the Township has been doing this for approximately five years. His main interest, however, was the recent loss of most of the trees that existed within the parking lot at the Flourtown Farmers Market/CVS at 920 Bethlehem Pike. He provided a brief history on the conversion of the property from a

grocery store to the current Farmers Market. He believes the actions taken have a negative impact on the entire shopping center area. Mr. Gillies indicated that the Code Enforcement Department was made aware of the situation and will be following up with the property owners.

Judy Patitucci, 101 East Wissahickon Avenue, addressed the Board. Ms. Patitucci noted that she lives adjacent to the Bysher Avenue ballfields as well as the Flourtown Country Club and is concerned with maintaining the wooded buffers between those uses.

Janeen Crawford, 711 Sandy Hill Road, thanked the Board of Commissioners for enacting the 25 MPH speed limit on Sandy Hill Road, and also noted that her property recently sustained damage as a result of a vehicle that left the Sandy Hill Road roadway. She also inquired as to the status of development at the Laverock Hill property. Mr. Gillies indicated that the Township has no development plans, but that Springfield and Cheltenham Townships are working together to minimize the impact of any future development. Ms. Crawford also inquired as to the status of the proposed billboard along the 309 expressway. Mr. Gillies indicated that there was no movement from the billboard company and that they have repeatedly continued the hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

