

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on June 12, 2013 at 8:00 PM. All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Ms. Peirce. 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-Harbison) 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 that Ms. Peirce was unable to attend the meeting due to another scheduled obligation.

Estelle Bayer and Cathy Peterson, representing the Oreland Lions Club, addressed the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Bayer indicated that the Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world. There are approximately 430,000 clubs encompassing 1.4 million members. The Lions Association was formed in 1917 and shortly thereafter, at an annual conference, during which Helen Keller was the keynote speaker, the Lions Club began their "Sight First" program to assist the visually impaired. The Oreland Lions Club has been in existence for over 60 years. In addition to programs for the betterment of the visually impaired, locally the Oreland Lions Club sponsors the Easter Egg Hunt, High School Basketball Tournament, Miss Oreland Lions Competition, highway clean-ups, and, of course, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Ms. Peterson discussed the Oreland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in greater detail indicating that 100% of the expense associated with the parade is covered by the Oreland Lions Club through donations and fundraising activities throughout the year. The parade begins at approximately 10:00 AM on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Upper Dublin Township, and proceeds through the Oreland section of Springfield Township. The ladies recognized Sid Gosser as a long term parade organizer and noted that the parade normally costs between \$12,000 and \$14,000 a year. Both men and women are encouraged to become members of the Oreland Lions Club and the Club meets on a monthly basis.

Special Report

Mr. Gillies noted that Peter Wilson, of Erdenheim, addressed the Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission as a part of the May 2013 meeting. Mr. Wilson inquired if any action could be taken to replace the trees that were removed from the traffic islands within the parking lot of the Flourtown Farmers Market. Mr. Gillies indicated that the Code Enforcement Department found that a formal land development plan was approved in 1984, and with that information, the Code Enforcement Department placed

the property owner on notice to replace the trees. The Code Enforcement Department will work with the property owner to help bring the property back into compliance.

Genie McClintock, Brookside Road, inquired when the Township-wide stormwater management report might be made available to the public. Mr. Gillies indicated that Mr. Schaum would be providing a report on that topic later in the meeting. She also noted the ongoing concern of the Brookside Road residents for future flooding.

Joan Schick, Brookside Road, noted her concern for future flooding and cautioned that adding more water to the stream behind Brookside Road via the Montgomery Avenue/Terminal Avenue drainage project may actually add to the flooding concerns coming from this stream.

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

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the May check reconciliation in the amount of \$821,110.43 and the June bill listing in the amount of \$716,312.66.

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

Mr. Schaum provided background and historical information with regard to work performed by the Board of Commissioners to address stormwater problems affecting various properties and watercourses throughout the Township. The current effort started in March 2010 when various stormwater management meetings were held with residents. With information received at these meetings and information from Township staff, current problem areas were identified, and conceptual solutions to address the problems were prioritized. A schedule of design and construction of the projects and cost estimates were included in the current Township-wide stormwater management plan. The Plan is dated May 1, 2013 as prepared by Boucher and James Inc. Hard copies of the plan are available for review in the office of the Township Manager and a complete report will soon be made available on the Township website.

Motion (Schaum-Harbison) carried unanimously that the Board of Commissioners waive the provisions of Section 3301.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code in order that the Rotary Club of Springfield Township may conduct a fireworks display on Saturday evening, June 29, 2013 at the Springfield Township High School in conjunction with their annual carnival. The waiver was conditioned upon the Rotary Club of Springfield Township and their fireworks professional adding Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event. Furthermore, the Rotary Club shall provide written permission from the School District of Springfield Township allowing the Rotary Club to utilize the School District property for the fireworks display. Finally, the organizations involved shall work closely with the Township Fire Marshal to help

prevent an accident, and to create a plan of action in the event an accident does occur during the activity.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 924, an ordinance repealing Chapter 62, Peddling and Soliciting, and replacing it with a completely rewritten Chapter 62, to manage peddling and soliciting in Springfield Township. The ordinance defines peddlers and those who solicit, as well as individuals and non-profit organizations that maintain a legal exempt status. The ordinance requires the securing of a license through the office of the Chief of Police, outlines expected conduct, establishes hours of operation, establishes a “No Solicitation Registry” for those who do not desire peddlers or solicitors to enter their premises. Mr. Dailey noted that registration for the No Solicitation Registry will be done at both the Township Building and Library Building. Signage or placards will be made available for the residents at the time they register for the No Solicitation Registry.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) carried unanimously that in conjunction with the PEMA Flood Hazard Mitigation Program for the Hemlock Road properties to be acquired and razed by Springfield Township, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Township Manager to be the authorized signatory at each of the settlements to purchase the properties involved in the grant program.

Motion (Schaum-Standish) carried unanimously to award a contract to Joseph E. Sucher and Sons Inc. of Eddystone, PA, for their low bid price of \$179,900 to mill and resurface specified Township streets. In addition to the specified streets, the contract will include the milling and resurfacing of Alton Road in its entirety, and Laurel Lane from Pleasant Avenue to its dead end, for an additional cost of \$12,097. Mr. Schaum noted that on May 31, 2013, the Township opened four bids for the resurfacing and milling program. The bids ranged from a low of \$179,900 to a high of \$215,850.

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

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on June 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Motion (Dailey-Schaum) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated May 7, 2013 from Jean Kirshenbaum resigning as a member of the Township Website Enhancement Committee. Ms. Kirshenbaum was one of the original members of the Website Enhancement Committee, and, therefore, was very influential in establishing

the contributions made by the Committee. Ms. Kirshenbaum has relocated from Springfield Township.

An announcement was made that any resident interested in serving as a member of the Springfield Township Website Enhancement Committee should send a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners, c/o the Township Manager, at the Springfield Township Building, or through the Township website at [www.springfieldmontco.org](http://www.springfieldmontco.org). Mr. Dailey described the activities of the Website Enhancement Committee.

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

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

Mr. Bell announced that during the month of May, Springfield Township residents recycled 208.1 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 67.2%. The net cost for the month was \$7,656.35.

Motion (Bell-Standish) carried unanimously to reappoint Joseph Slapinsky and Stephen Heverin to new three year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Committee. The new terms of service shall expire June 14, 2016.

Mr. Bell thanked the Public Works personnel who were involved in preparing a portion of the Black Horse Inn for occupancy to lease that space. He also thanked Dan Helwig, a local realtor, who provided assistance in providing the lessee.

Mr. Supplee, 105 Orlemann Avenue, addressed the Board of Commissioners on his concern for the breeding of mosquitoes in a detention basin on the Tank Car Corporation property. Mr. Berger indicated that the Township treats that basin on a regular basis and that he personally visited the site just the other day. Mr. Supplee also asked for a status of the lighting that enters his property from the Giuliani property across the railroad tracks from his residence. Mr. Berger indicated that he would have to follow up on that matter, but he had turned the matter over to the Code Enforcement Department for further consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.  
Secretary

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