

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, April 9, 2014 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. Dailey presided.

Mr. Dailey 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. Dailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Gillies-Wilson) 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. Dailey recognized Jean Sorb, of State Rep. Steve McCarter's office, who addressed the Board of Commissioners in association with PA Local Government Week. Ms. Sorb made a short presentation noting that the State Legislature likes to recognize the contributions of the locally elected municipal officials for their dedication to their municipalities. Ms. Sorb presented to each member of the Board a proclamation from the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives.

Genie McClintock, 17 Brookside Road, reviewed her understanding that there may be ground pollution on the property where the Township would like to place a drainage pipe in conjunction with the Montgomery Avenue and Terminal Avenue drainage project. She inquired what the timing might be of a PA DEP ruling on what needs to be accomplished. Ms. McClintock was told that the Board has no indication when PA DEP will provide guidance. Ms. McClintock asked if funds allocated for the Montgomery Avenue/Terminal Avenue project might be re-allocated to the Carlisle Road detention basin project if the Montgomery Avenue project does not move forward. The Board indicated that it would wait to understand the ruling of PA DEP before making any changes to the funding.

Michael and Anna Nero, 616 Haws Lane, addressed the Board to thank them for their assistance in securing funding from the State to help stabilize the stream directly adjacent to their residence. They also wished to provide a special thanks to Michael Taylor, Assistant Township Manager, who worked directly with the State representatives who were providing the funding.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that at the request of the owners of the Tecce tract, 9303 Ridge Pike, the Board of Commissioners scheduled a public hearing for later this evening

in order to consider the request to rezone approximately 7.1 acres of land closest to Ridge Pike from A and AA Residential, with a AAA Age Qualified Residential Overlay District, to the Institutional Zoning District. The purpose of the rezoning would be to accommodate a proposed 125 unit, 175 bed, Atria Senior Living Assisted Care facility.

During the discussion and review process, it was decided that it might be best to postpone the rezoning hearing and concurrently consider the rezoning of the aforementioned 7.1 acres of land, with the possible deletion of the AAA-Age Qualified 1 Zoning District from the Zoning Code and map. This would leave the remaining 34 acres of land at the same address as AA Residential with the AAA Residential Overlay.

Motion (Dailey-Bell) carried unanimously to postpone the April 9, 2014 public hearing to consider the rezoning of a 7.1 acre tract of land at 9303 Ridge Pike from A and AA Residential, with a AAA - Age Qualified-1 Residential Overlay District, to the Institutional Zoning District, and to schedule a public hearing for May 14, 2014 to consider the rezoning of 7.1 acres of land from A and AA Residential, with a AAA-Age Qualified-1 Residential Overlay, to the Institutional Zoning District, concurrently with the consideration of deleting the AAA-Age Qualified 1 Residential Overlay District and retaining the existing AA Residential, with a AAA Residential Overlay District on the remaining 34 acres of land. The public hearing to be held on May 14, 2014 shall include the public hearing with the possibility of enactment of the requisite ordinances to effectuate the previously stated zoning changes.

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will next meet on April 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Mr. Dailey announced that as a part of the public meeting on May 14, 2014, the Board of Commissioners will provide an opportunity for the community to receive information on the Zoning Code validity challenge of MC Outdoor LLC as it relates to the interest of MC Outdoor to place two billboards along Bethlehem Pike, in Erdenheim, as well as a proposal to settle the Zoning Code validity challenge by placing one billboard on southbound route 309 expressway between Paper Mill Road and Willow Grove Avenue, in lieu of the two billboards on Bethlehem Pike.

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

Mr. Schaum stated that with mixed emotion, the Board of Commissioners accepted a letter from Chief Randall Hummel wherein the Chief announced his retirement effective July 25, 2014. The Board is happy Randy is in good health and ready to enjoy his retirement, but he will certainly be missed professionally, and on a personal level.

Chief Hummel's career with Springfield is his second police career, as he completed 25 years of service in the Reading, PA, Police Department where his last rank was Deputy Chief. Reading provided Randy with many challenges and experiences from which the Springfield Township Police Department benefitted. More importantly, the Springfield Township Police Department took on his calm, compassionate and professional demeanor which lends itself well to the Springfield community. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Schaum thanked Chief Hummel for 17 years of dedicated service to the Springfield Township community, and wished him and Sharon all the best during their retirement.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to waive the provisions of Section 3303.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code in order that a fireworks display might be conducted at the North Hills Country Club on Sunday, August 31, 2014. The waiver is conditioned upon the following: (1) that the pyrotechnical firm and North Hills Country Club add Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event, and (2) that the pyrotechnical firm and the North Hills Country Club work closely with the Springfield Township Fire Marshal to help prevent an accident, and to create a plan of action in the event an accident does occur during the event.

Motion (Schaum-Harbison) carried unanimously to waive the provisions of Section 3303.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code in order that the Wyndmoor Hose Company may conduct a fireworks display at Veterans Park, Wyndmoor, on Saturday, June 7, 2014. The waiver is conditioned upon the following: (1) that the pyrotechnical firm and the Wyndmoor Hose Company add Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event, and (2) that the pyrotechnical firm and the Wyndmoor Hose Company work closely with the Springfield Township Fire Marshal to help prevent an accident, and to create a plan of action in the event an accident does occur during the event.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to amend the Springfield Township Code, Chapter 107, Vehicles and Traffic, by adding a new Article, entitled "Towing Contracts and Services". The purpose of the ordinance is to create specifications for towing contractors working for Springfield Township, establish procedures for towing service coverage, establish contractor qualifications, set fees, and establish insurance requirements.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1326, a resolution establishing fees for towing services and insurance requirements for towing contractors working on behalf of Springfield Township.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1327, a resolution authorizing the acquisition of 404 Hemlock Road, in conjunction with the PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. It was noted that this property is the twelfth and final property to be acquired as a part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which voluntarily removed families from the flooding hazards of the Sunnybrook Creek.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to authorize the proper Township officials to execute an amendment to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which will provide additional funding to the Township in order to help acquire the final property, and attend to the final property restorations as required by PEMA.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) carried unanimously to authorize the execution of a grant agreement with PEMA to acquire and raze the structure at 2012 Carolton Way. Similar to the acquisition of properties on Hemlock Road, this acquisition is purely on a voluntary basis by the property owner.

Mr. Schaum announced that on March 18, 2014, the Township opened 12 bids for the construction of a sanitary sewer extension project to service five properties on Caroline Drive. The low bid was received from Spear Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$104,785.50. The remaining 11 bids ranged from \$110,912.70 to \$207,758. The Township will work with the five property owners to formalize their participation in the project, and to draft an ordinance to document the participation by the neighbors and the Township.

Mr. Schaum also announced that on March 18, 2014, the Township received 11 bids for the construction of the Montgomery Avenue/Terminal Avenue drainage project. The purpose of the project is to construct drain pipes and storm inlets along Montgomery Avenue in the vicinity of Terminal Avenue to discharge the stormwater in the Paper Mill Run. The low bid was received from Spear Excavating LLC for a total bid price of \$290,881.25. The other ten bids ranged from \$297,644.75 to \$474,096.78. The Township was recently informed that the private property where the discharge pipe will be located is currently being inspected for possible soil and ground water pollution. The Township will hold the bids until such time as it is understood if, or how, the Township can excavate through the property in question.

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

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the March check reconciliation in the amount of \$1,207,927.77 and the April bill listing in the amount of \$1,050,288.49.

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

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

An announcement was made that during the month of March 2014, Springfield Township residents recycled 187.5 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 82.4%. The net cost for the month was \$9,047.96.

Mr. Harbison announced that Montgomery County has organized a number of special recycling events to allow residents to safely and responsibly dispose of various household items. Mr. Harbison reviewed a lengthy list of events, times and locations most convenient to Springfield Township residents. The types of recycling opportunities included electronics, household hazardous waste, paper shredding, tires and the sales of rain barrels and compost bins.

Motion (Harbison-Wilson) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1328, a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute the "Grant Agreement Signature Page" of the grant application to PA DCNR for a project known as the "Paper Mill Run Riparian Buffer Planting".

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to I move that the Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution No. 1331, a resolution endorsing the submission of a grant application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to create a riparian buffer planting along the Paper Mill Run at Cisco Park. The total grant project is valued at \$84,292. The grant is 50% PA DCNR / 50% Township. However, the local match can be from in-kind services. The in-kind services through volunteers and the Township is valued at \$37,817. Therefore, this grant will require a cash match from the Township of \$4,329.

Please announce that the Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission will be hosting an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Sandy Run Park, on Walnut Avenue, Oreland. As in past years, the project will include a tree planting demonstration and ceremony. The workshop will conclude by offering trees to the first 25 pre-registered attendees to plant at their homes. Mr. Harbison provided information on how residents could register for the event.

Mr. Harbison also announced that on April 9, 2014 approximately 20 volunteers from PECO Energy helped plant trees along a newly created riparian corridor in Cisco Park. In addition to all the volunteer labor, PECO made a financial contribution to help purchase the plant materials. The PECO effort was a part of the PECO "National Volunteer Week". PECO participated in 40 volunteer projects in the Delaware Valley. The riparian corridor was designed by the Township Environmental Advisory Commission who plans to submit a grant application to finish the riparian corridor project. Special thanks was provided to Suzanne Ryan, of PECO; Mara Baird, of the EAC; and the Township Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departments.

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

Motion (Bell-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1330, a resolution endorsing an application to the Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant Program for a project to be known as the Oreland Village Road Rehabilitation Program, Phase II. Phase II will include the resurfacing of portions of Redford Road and Dale Road, as well as all of Clement Road, in Oreland. Phase I, which will be completed this summer, includes the resurfacing of portions of Garth Road, and all of Ulmer Avenue.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of Library Committee, had no report.

Mr. Gillies announced that the Oreland Lions Club is sponsoring the “Taste of Springfield” on May 4, 2014, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Flourtown Country Club. Between 20 and 25 restaurants will be participating in the event. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Oreland Lions Club, the two township little leagues, and the three fire companies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary