

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, August 13, 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 with the exception of Mr. Harbison. 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 (Schaum-Wilson) carried unanimously dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting as written and recorded in the official minute book of the Township.

Mr. Dailey acknowledged the absence of Commissioner Jeff Harbison.

Dan DiCarlo, Country Club Drive, addressed the Board of Commissioners and asked if the Board would discuss the development plans for the Tecce tract as discussed during the workshop meeting held on August 11, 2014. Mr. DiCarlo also asked for background information on the actual vote taken on the Tecce tract during the previous monthly Board meeting. Mr. Dailey suggested that he felt the plan under consideration by the Board of Commissioners at last month's meeting was a good plan. He stated that the issue for debate among the Board members was the density in the rear portion of the Tecce tract given the proposal to place the Atria Senior Living facility in the front portion of the property. Some members believed that there should be a trade-off of density in the rear given the increased density for the Atria facility. Other members of the Board did not believe that was necessary. Mr. Standish suggested that comments related to the vote at the previous meeting are available on the Township website through the videos that are posted on the website. Mr. Gillies noted that currently the property owner has approval to construct 52 dwellings on the Tecce tract, and the most immediate proposal provided for the Atria Senior Living facility, plus 34 dwellings and additional open space. Mr. Dailey remarked that during the plan review process, the Board saw four different development options under four different zoning regulations, and he believes that the most immediate proposal provides the most income to the community from the development.

Howard Supplee, 105 Orlemann Avenue, stated that the lights from the bus depot across the railroad tracks from his residence were shining into his home. He asked that the Board of Commissioners investigate the condition.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on August 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Motion (Dailey-Schaum) carried unanimously to authorize the office of the Township Solicitor to represent the interest of the Board of Commissioners at all Zoning Hearing Board meetings involving the application of the International Educational Opportunities Corporation, which is seeking a variance to permit up to 15 students to reside and receive tutoring and counseling services at 1110 E. Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor.

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

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously acknowledging that the Flourtown Fire Company will be providing fire service coverage in Lake Harmony, PA, on September 26 to 28, 2014. The purpose for this acknowledgement is to be assured that all Township-provided insurances will be available to the fire company.

Motion (Schaum-Samtman) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1335, a resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement of Sale for the acquisition of a property located at 2012 Carolton Way, Flourtown, through the use of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The purpose of purchasing the property is to permit the owners to relocate from this location and for the Township to demolish the structure and return the land to a floodplain.

Motion (Schaum-Standish) carried unanimously to authorize the advertisement of a Request for Bids for municipal waste disposal with the amount of the performance bond set at 50% of the price bid by the successful bidder, multiplied by the 2013 tonnage of the municipality as set forth in the bid documents and the time period of the selected bid.

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

Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously to approve the July check reconciliation in the amount of \$570,860.83, and the August bill listing in the amount of \$688,465.15.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to engage the services of Bee Bergvall & Co., CPA, to audit both the 2014 general fund reports of the Township, and the 2014 pension plan financial reports. The engagement shall be consistent with letters of engagement dated July 25, 2014 as they relate to both the general fund and pension fund audits. In conjunction with the general fund audit, Bee Bergvall shall also conduct a “single audit” as required when a municipality receives in excess of \$500,000 of federal funds. The fees for services are \$17,650 for the general fund audit, \$3600 for the pension fund audit, and up to \$5,000 for the “single audit”. It was noted that the costs associated with the “single audit” are reimbursable through the PEMA flood mitigation grant program, from which the Federal funds that are being audited originated.

Mr. Standish, Chairman of Community Development, had no report.

Mr. Standish reported on behalf of Mr. Harbison, Chairman of Cultural Resources Committee:

Mr. Standish announced that during the month of July 2014, Springfield Township residents recycled 233.2 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 80%. The net cost for the month was \$6,418.55.

Mr. Standish also announced that there are currently two vacancies on the Township Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Standish encouraged any resident interested in serving as a member of the Shade Tree Commission to send a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners at the Springfield Township mailing address, or via the Township website. Mr. Standish outlined the duties of the Shade Tree Commission as well as the meeting schedule of the Commission.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of Library Committee, reported:

Mr. Wilson noted that there are currently two vacancies on the Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Residents interested in serving as a member of the Township Environmental Advisory Commission should forward a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners at the Township mailing address, or through the Township website. Mr. Wilson reviewed the duties of the Township EAC and its meeting schedule.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Township was in receipt of a letter from Joseph Slapinsky resigning his position as a member of the Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Slapinsky for being an active member of the Environmental Advisory Commission for the Township.

Ms. Samtmann, Chairwoman of Human Resources Committee, reported:

Ms. Samtmann announced that on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, the Springfield Township Park and Recreation Department and the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield would be sponsoring the showing of Disney's "The Lego Movie", beginning at 8:15 PM at the Presbyterian Church in Flourtown. Residents interested in attending were encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on as the movie will be shown outside. There is no cost to watch the movie.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.  
Secretary

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8/27/14