

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, September 10, 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. Dailey. Vice President Schaum presided. Mr. Schaum announced that Mr. Dailey was out of town on business and was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Mr. Schaum 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. Schaum 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.

Special Reports:

At the August 13, 2014 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Howard Supplee, of Orlemann Avenue, complained about the lighting entering his property from the Cheltenham Transportation bus depot, 50 Orelan Mill Road, Orelan. During the month, the Township Engineer and Township Inspector visited the neighborhood with a light meter to measure the intensity of light at various locations directly adjacent to Cheltenham Transportation. In summary, the report provided to the Board of Commissioners indicated that the light levels at the property lines of Cheltenham Transportation were appropriate, except for at three locations. However, the light levels beyond the property lines actually increased moving in the direction of Mr. Supplee's property. The Township Engineer issued a notice to Cheltenham Transportation requiring that any additional lights that were installed on the northern property line be removed, and that all light fixture heads should be redirected or shielded in order that light not be directed beyond the Cheltenham Transportation site.

Mr. Schaum reported that prior to the August business meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a group of residents from Erdenheim asked that the Board of Commissioners assist in establishing an inspection of the electrical distribution lines in their neighborhood due to power outages. The Township contacted PECO and due to varying scheduling issues, the inspection has not taken place. However PECO has since informed the Township that they are in the process of compiling a team to visit the neighborhood identified. The Township also asked that a similar inspection take place on a particular street in Flourtown.

Mr. Schaum read into the record a letter of commendation to the young ladies of Girl Scout Troop 779 for their efforts to enhance and maintain the streetscape improvements within the business district along E. Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor. Mr. Schaum outlined the process by which the Girl Scouts assessed the community need, developed a plan and implemented the plan to address the identified need. The Scouts performed several fundraising activities to secure funds necessary to plant flower gardens in front of three businesses as well as installing four new barrel planters complete with roses. The Girl Scouts also maintained the planters throughout the spring and summer. Mr. Schaum invited Monika Schermer, of the Girl Scouts, and the individual Scouts to the front of the room to receive their Girl Scout Bronze Star. Commissioner Harbison assisted Ms. Schermer in presenting the awards to the individual girls.

Joseph Bresnan, of the law firm of Eastburn and Gray, indicated he was representing Cheltenham Transportation with regard to the notice of an alleged lighting violation at their school bus depot. Mr. Bresnan asked that the Board of Commissioners permit the notice process to proceed and assured the Commissioners that his client will show progress in resolving the issue within a week.

Joan Parsons, 526 Ramsey Road, addressed the Board of Commissioners indicating that she plans to purchase one of the proposed townhouses directly adjacent to Cheltenham Transportation. She asked that the entire neighborhood be reviewed for compliance with the lighting ordinances.

Howard Supplee, 105 Orlemann Avenue, noted that he previously spoke to Eric Faust, of Cheltenham Transportation, who assured him that once the permanent security lights were installed, the existing lighting on the buildings would come down. That has not occurred. He also discussed the angle of the lighting that has been installed and how that affects his property.

Mary Haesler, 111 Orlemann Avenue, indicated she previously discussed the lighting issue with the facility manager and Eric Faust and was assured that the matter would be resolved.

Genie McClintock, 17 Brookside Road, read a letter from a neighbor indicating that the neighbor believes that the Township has a responsibility to perform creek maintenance behind their property. Mr. Berger indicated that the creek behind Brookside Road is private property, and the Township does not even have a specified easement over the property. Mr. Garrity indicated that the legal responsibility for creek maintenance rests with the individual property owners. This, however, does not preclude the Township from assisting with the maintenance.

Margaret Mary Burke, 127 Orlemann Avenue, asked if the neighbors would be notified when Cheltenham Transportation was brought into compliance. Ms. Burke was encouraged to maintain contact with the Township.

Joseph Bresnan readdressed the Board and indicated that he has been informed during this meeting that the light shield parts have already been ordered.

Christine Hesser, 127 Orlemann Ave., addressed the Board and asked if the Industrial zoning district ordinance had been amended. Ms. Hesser was told that the ordinance had been drafted and is in the process of being reviewed and edited.

Mr. Standish, on behalf of Mr. Dailey, Chairman of zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Standish announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will next meet on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Standish summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Works and Safety Committees, had no report.

Mr. Schaum did, however, indicate that he had the privilege of co-chairing the organizing committee for the 2014 Springfield Township Community Day with Teresa Buzniak of Firstrust Bank. Mr. Schaum thanked all the community organizations and local businesses that participated in Community Day. He extended a special thanks to Acme Markets which provided significant discounts and donated a great deal of the food and drinks for the event, and also highlighted the Erdenheim Civic Association for organizing the 5K run and 1 mile walk. The Township Public Works Department and emergency personnel who helped set up the community day displays and provided assistance throughout the day were also thanked by Mr. Schaum.

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

Motion (Gillies-Wilson) carried unanimously to approve the August check reconciliation in the amount of \$730,663.58, and the September bill listing in the amount of \$797,927.51.

Motion (Gillies-Samtman) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1336, a resolution establishing the 2015 minimum municipal funding obligations for the police, salaried and hourly employees pension plans.

Mr. Gillies acknowledged receipt of a letter dated August 11, 2014 from Bill Drayton resigning his position as a member of the Springfield Township Municipal Campus Advisory Committee. Mr. Gillies noted that Mr. Drayton was one of the original members

of the Committee, and lent his construction management expertise to the Township during his years of service.

Mr. Gillies encouraged residents interested in serving on the Springfield Township Municipal Campus Advisory Committee to forward a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners at the Township mailing address, or through the Township website. Mr. Gillies summarized the activities of the Municipal Campus Advisory Committee and the dates and times of the Committee's meetings.

Mr. Gillies announced the tentative budget schedule through the adoption of the 2015 Budget:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Meeting w/Support Agencies	9/17/14	7:00 PM
Budget Workshop Meeting	10/22/14	7:00 PM
Budget Presentation	11/12/14	8:00 PM
Budget Hearing	12/10/14	8:00 PM
Budget Adoption	12/17/14	8:00 PM

All meetings will be held in the Springfield Township Building.

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

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

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of August 2014, Springfield Township residents recycled 180.5 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 83.1%. The net cost for the month was \$10,488.57.

Mr. Harbison announced that there are currently two vacancies on the Township Shade Tree Commission. Residents interested in serving on the Shade Tree Commission were encouraged 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. Harbison summarized the activities of the Shade Tree Commission and provided information on the meeting dates and times of the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of Library Committee, reported:

Motion (Wilson-Gillies) carried unanimously to appoint Patrick Eddis, of Avondale Road, Erdenheim, to fill an unexpired term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. The new term of service shall expire June 14, 2015.

Mr. Wilson announced that there is still one vacancy on the Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Residents interested in serving as a member of the EAC were asked 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. Wilson summarized the activities of the EAC and provided information on the Commission's meeting dates and times.

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

Motion (Samtmann-Gillies) carried unanimously to accept a letter of resignation dated August 30, 2014 from Rose Sovira resigning her position as a member of the Springfield Township Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. Ms. Samtmann thanked Ms. Sovira for her service as both an official member of the Committee and as an interested resident for many years.

As a result of the resignation, there is now a vacancy on the Township Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. Ms. Samtmann encouraged residents interested in serving as a member of the Committee to send a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners at the Springfield Township mailing address, or via the Township website. Ms. Samtmann summarized the activities of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and provided details on the meeting dates and times of the Committee.

Ms. Samtmann stated that Russell Souders, a soldier returning from Afghanistan, and his family are inviting the Springfield community to welcome Mr. Souders' commanding officer home from Afghanistan after five deployments. The Souders family will be placing American flags along Bethlehem Pike on September 12. On Saturday, September 13, the Warrior Watch Riders will be escorting the Commander and his family from the Fort Washington area into Flourtown and residents were encouraged to come out and welcome the soldiers home. While in Flourtown, the Commander will be visiting businesses in Flourtown that made contributions through the Green Dot Moms Program which provided both essential and comfort supplies to the soldiers in Afghanistan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

