

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, February 11, 2015 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 (Schaum-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 Report

Mr. Dailey announced that at the February 9, 2015 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board accepted public comment suggesting the need for the installation of sidewalks along the south side of Haws Lane between Fraser Road and Erdenheim Elementary School. Mr. Dailey outlined the ownership of the property involved and the pending land developments for the property. He also noted that in February 2013, the Board approved the execution of a tri-party agreement among the current property owner, the equitable property owner, and the Township to require the installation of curbs and sidewalks in the area in question. At the February 9, 2015 meeting, the Board of Commissioners authorized the office of the Township Solicitor to begin the process of notifying the property owners that in accordance with the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, it was the intention of the Board of Commissioners to require the construction of curbs and sidewalks along their frontage on Haws Lane. To the extent the improvements are not installed, the Township will install the curbs and sidewalks and collect the costs incurred by the Township consistent with the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code.

Michael and Ardi (son) Kolodner, 1007 Fraser Road, addressed the Board. Ardi Kolodner indicated that for four years while attending the Erdenheim Elementary School, he found it difficult to walk to school given the lack of sidewalks. He indicated that the existing crosswalk is not effective in managing the traffic. He believes that sidewalks on the south side of Haws Lane would make it safer for young children to walk to school. Michael Kolodner noted that the children are under adult supervision as they walk to and from the Erdenheim Elementary School. He would like the opportunity to review the sidewalk plans to understand how the improvements are to be made.

Leo and Neil Boccella and Will Oberdoster (young men) addressed the Board to suggest the need for sidewalks on the south side of Haws Lane as it is unsafe to cross Haws Lane at the existing crosswalk.

Joseph Slapinsky, 910 Harston Lane, addressed the Board and also asked for the opportunity to review the sidewalk plans.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on Monday evening, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Motion (Dailey-Schaum) carried unanimously to reappoint Richard Simmons as a member of the Springfield Township Website Enhancement Committee. Mr. Simmons' new three year term of service shall expire February 8, 2018.

Mr. Harbison inquired whether the Board of Commissioners was going to consider sending the Township Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting related to the petition of 1800 Bethlehem Pike. Mr. Dailey reminded all that the Township Solicitor had previously indicated that the Township has standing if the matter goes to Court, in the event the Board does not agree with the decision made by the Zoning Hearing Board.

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

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to appoint Edward "Ted" Bell of College Avenue to fill an unexpired term of service as an alternate member on the Springfield Township Police Civil Service Commission. The unexpired term of service shall expire July 16, 2020.

Motion (Schaum-Standish) carried unanimously to authorize Chief Michael Pitkow to execute a Mutual Aid Compact Agreement with the Montgomery County Strategic Weapons and Tactics "SWAT" Central Region Team. Participation in the SWAT team will provide the Springfield Township Police Department additional resources during special circumstances when the Chief may wish to deploy specially trained police tactical units. Mr. Gillies confirmed that this would not change the concept of community policing in Springfield Township, but is just a tool for the Police if needed.

Motion (Schaum-Samtman) carried unanimously to authorize participation in the PennDOT Local Bridge Bundling Program in order to replace the Oreland Mill Road bridge over the Oreland Run. Mr. Schaum described the Bridge Bundling Program which, in addition to expediting the replacement of a local bridge, can save the municipality up to 100% of the typical local bridge match.

Motion (Schaum-Standish) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1348, a resolution authorizing the execution of a three year master casting agreement with PennDOT.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to authorize the execution of a Release of Liabilities with the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners related to the dissolution of the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County. The Township will receive \$162,000 as a part of this action. Mr. Wilson asked if the \$162,000 was anticipated in the Township Budget. Mr. Wilson was informed that it is not in the 2015 budget.

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

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the January check reconciliation in the amount of \$ 508,987.03, and the February bill listing in the amount of \$704,964.61.

Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously to authorize Daley & Jalboot Architects, the principal designers of the municipal campus renovation project, to proceed with the design development, bid documentation, and the bidding of renovations to the Springfield Township Building as a bid alternate as a part of the renovation project. The cost to perform the aforementioned design is \$209,065.

Motion (Gillies-Samtman) carried unanimously to engage Element Environmental Solutions Inc., of Adamstown, PA, to provide professional services to identify and manage environmental remediation services in conjunction with the municipal campus renovation project for a cost not to exceed \$37,206. Three other proposals were received on February 4, 2015.

Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 933, an ordinance authorizing the sale of a General Obligation Bank Loan, Series 2015, valued at \$8,304,000 to TD Bank for a 15 year fixed rate proposal at 2.52%. Public Financial Inc., the Township's financial advisor, solicited proposals and received five responses with multiple options within each proposal. The subject ordinance was created by the Dilworth Paxson law firm, bond counsel to the Township.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to authorize the advertisement of a Request for Proposals for pension fund actuarial and administrative services. The Request for Proposals was created in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 44 which requires all services secured in association with a municipal pension plan to be secured through an open and competitive process.

Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously to authorize the execution of an Agreement of Sale with St. Genevieve's Church and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for Springfield Township to purchase a 1.6 acre tract of land located at 1200 Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor, Springfield Township. Mr. Gillies thanked Monsignor Matz, the St. Genevieve's church committees, and legal counsel for their assistance in permitting the Township to purchase the Seven Dolors property, as well as the guidance provided by the office of the Township Solicitor during the negotiation of

the sale. Mr. Gillies noted that the cost to purchase the Seven Dolors Church property was \$840,000.

Motion (Gillies-Harbison) carried unanimously to authorize the sale of 8911 Montgomery Avenue, Wyndmoor, as a public sale of real property by sealed bids. Mr. Gillies noted that if the purchaser improves the property with a building, the Township expects the property to be improved with a single family detached dwelling that is consistent with the general design criteria and character of the neighboring properties, and located outside of the 100 year floodplain. Mr. Wilson asked if the Township was utilizing a realtor for this transaction. Mr. Garrity stated that the Township must sell real property through the process of sealed bids, or by auction. The Township does reserve the right to reject all bids once received.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1349, a resolution honoring a lifetime of service of Father Michael Ryan of Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland. Mr. Gillies read into the record Resolution No. 1349.

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

Motion (Standish-Schaum) carried unanimously to reappoint James Mascaro as a member of the Springfield Township Planning Commission. Mr. Mascaro's new term of service shall expire February 16, 2019.

Motion (Standish-Samtman) carried unanimously to approve the final land development plan for 9425 Stenton Avenue dated July 21, 2014, last revised December 1, 2014. The owner/applicant is Blake Development Corporation. The subject of the land development is the construction of 13 townhouse units. Approval of the final land development plan is subject to the owner/applicant resolving all issues as outlined in a letter dated January 8, 2015 from the office of the Township Engineer to the Code Enforcement Officer, and the creation of a 20 foot unobstructed driveway throughout the development to be posted "No Parking by Order of Fire Marshal".

Motion (Standish-Samtman) carried unanimously to approve the preliminary/final land development plan for the Camp Shelly Ridge Girl Scout Camp, 330 Manor Road, Lafayette Hill, dated June 20, 2014, last revised December 10, 2014, with an accompanying landscape plan prepared by Blackney Hayes Architects dated May 2, 2014, last revised December 10, 2014, and a post construction stormwater management report prepared by Bursich Associates, Inc., dated June 20, 2014, with no revisions. The owner/applicant is the Girl Scouts of Greater Philadelphia Inc. The subject of the land development is the construction of a new lodge building and a new activity building, as well as required off street parking facilities. Approval of the land development plan is subject to the owner/applicant resolving all issues as outlined in a letter dated January 26, 2015 from the office of the Township Engineer to the Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of January 2015, Springfield Township residents recycled 194.6 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 79.8%. The net cost for the month was \$10,345.10.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of Library Committee, reported:

Motion (Wilson-Harbison) carried unanimously to appoint Robert Clewis, Ph.D., of Stenton Avenue, Erdenheim, to fill an unexpired term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. The current term of service shall expire June 14, 2016.

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

Motion (Samtmann-Gillies) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated February 2, 2015 from Greg Luce resigning his position as a member of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Luce cited growing obligations with his family and work that will require him to reduce his outside commitments. Ms. Samtmann thanked Mr. Luce for his service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

With the resignation of Mr. Luce, Ms. Samtmann announced that a vacancy exists on the Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Residents interested in serving on the Committee were asked to send a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners via the Township website, or to the Springfield Township Building. Ms. Samtmann reviewed the activities of the Advisory Committee and noted that they typically meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.  
Secretary