

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, April 8, 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) to approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2015. Mr. Gillies asked that the business meeting minutes be corrected to reflect that at the end of the meeting comments were made by residents in attendance related to the green roof on the proposed library building and the Board, in turn, made comments related to what the vote on the green roof meant. Mr. Gillies also asked for a correction in the workshop notes of March 9, 2015 to reflect the fact that the Township's architect made a comment with regard to the need for the Board of Commissioners to vote in March on the green roof on the proposed library building.

Motion (Gillies-Harbison) to approve the March meeting minutes and meeting notes with the correction as outlined. Mr. Harbison asked whether the comments made at the meeting were binding. Mr. Garrity suggested that the minutes are a best effort to help recall what occurred at the subject meeting. Vote on the corrected minutes 6-0. Mr. Harbison did not vote on the approval as he was not in attendance at the March business meeting.

Mr. Dailey announced that the Board of Commissioners would be conducting a public hearing on the Lloyd tract, 1777 Willow Grove Avenue, to consider amendments to the zoning code map and text to rezone the tract from "AA Residential" to "Cluster Residential District" with amendments. Those wishing to make comments related to the Lloyd tract were asked to hold their comments until the public hearing which will be held at the end of the regular business meeting.

Mr. Dailey also noted that the Board of Commissioners will consider the conduct of another vote with regard to the green roof at the proposed library building during the May meetings. Mr. Dailey wanted residents to get notice of the possible re-vote and also consider any bid alternatives that may be an option with the green roof or to find cost savings elsewhere in the project. Mr. Dailey noted that the reason the Board took a vote in March was that the architect asked for guidance on the green roof at that time. Mr. Gillies alerted all to potential additional costs associated with lost time to which Mr.

Dailey noted that there were no additional costs to be incurred by the architect as their fee is fixed.

Joseph Callahan, 708 Falcon Drive, suggested he is not interested in cluster housing unless it was a 55 years of age or older type community. Mr. Dailey thanked Mr. Callahan for his comments, but asked that he hold his comments for the public hearing associated with the Lloyd tract.

Cathie Cashman, 505 Drayton Road, inquired whether a revote on the matter before the Board was a change in procedure. Mr. Dailey suggested that the previous vote by the Board was tied, and there was no action taken. The Board may revote on the issue. Mr. Garrity indicated that unless vested rights have been granted by a vote of the Board of Commissioners, the Board may revote on the matter again. Mr. Dailey suggested that the Board of Commissioners may conduct a vote again during the Board's May meeting.

Joan Parsons, Hawkswell Circle, noted her concern for the costs associated with the green roof on the proposed library building. She indicated that she had spoken to senior citizens who were concerned with the tax implications of the additional costs.

Mike Maxwell, Brookside Road, asked why the Board of Commissioners was not proceeding with phase 3 of the Terminal Avenue drainage project and proceeding with a drainage project on Brookside Road. Mr. Berger indicated that the Brookside Road project was a Community Development Block Grant project and Brookside Road was eligible for funding of the project. Mr. Maxwell also discussed the possibility of switching phase 1 and phase 2 of the Brookside Road drainage project so that the work could commence at the top of Brookside Road to capture the water at this location. He also asked that the Township Engineer review the impact of the Terminal Avenue drainage project and the proposed Brookside Road drainage project on the stream that runs along Brookside Road.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board did not receive any applications for hearings. Therefore, the regularly scheduled Zoning Hearing Board meeting for the month of April has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board will be May 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

Motion (Dailey-Schaum) carried unanimously to authorize Catherine Harper, Esq., Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board, to manage the Township's defense of the appeal of KMG/Anytime Fitness to the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board related to the operation of an indoor gym/fitness center at the Oreland Shopping Center. Ms. Harper was also authorized to manage the defense of a related

Mandamus Claim related to the fitness center proposed at the Oreland Shopping Center.

Motion (Dailey-Gillies) carried unanimously to suspend the business meeting and conduct a public hearing with regard to an ordinance authorizing Springfield Township to perform improvements to Haws Lane, including the widening of the roadway, paving, curbing and the installation of sidewalks along the frontage of 350 Haws Lane and 402 Haws Lane.

Mr. Dailey closed the public hearing and reconvened the monthly business meeting.

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

Motion (Schaum-Wilson) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 934, an ordinance authorizing Springfield Township to perform certain improvements to Haws Lane including widening of the roadway, paving, curbing, and the installation of sidewalks and related improvements along the frontage of 350 Haws Lane and 402 Haws Lane in order to ensure the safety of traveling motorists and pedestrians along Haws Lane in the vicinity of Erdenheim Elementary School. The ordinance also authorizes the Township to assess the entire cost of such improvements on the owners of the aforementioned properties in accordance with the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1350, a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with PennDOT to participate in the PennDOT "Green Light – Go" grant program in order to replace existing LED traffic signals. The grant program provides 50% of the cost of replacing the LED traffic signal lights with the Township providing in-kind services of 50% or greater of the project costs.

Motion (Schaum-Samtman) carried unanimously to waive provisions of Section 3303.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code in order that the Rotary Club of Springfield Township may conduct a fireworks display at the Springfield Township High School on Saturday evening, June 27, 2015. The waiver is conditioned upon the following: (1) that the Rotary Club of Springfield Township shall provide a letter from the School District of Springfield Township indicating that the Rotary Club has secured permission from the School District to conduct the fireworks display, (2) the pyrotechnical firm and the Rotary Club of Springfield Township shall add Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for that event, and (3) the pyrotechnical firm and the Rotary Club of Springfield Township 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-Gillies) carried unanimously to waive provisions of Section 3303.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code in order that the Sandy Run Country Club may conduct a fireworks display at the Club on Saturday evening, June 20, 2015. The waiver was conditioned upon the following: (1) the pyrotechnical firm and the Sandy Run Country Club shall add Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for that event, and (3) the pyrotechnical firm and Sandy Run Country Club 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-Samtman) carried unanimously to authorize the submission of a letter of intent to participate in the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program on behalf of the property owners of 40 Brookside Road and 36 Brookside Road. The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program will provide up to 75% of the project costs to purchase the subject properties, raze the dwellings and return the land to open space. Mr. Dailey asked as to the timing for the submission of the letters of intent. Mr. Berger indicated that the grant packages are due in June 2015 and while there is still an opportunity for residents interested in participating to do so, residents would be encouraged to alert the Township of their interests as soon as possible.

Mr. Schaum stated that the remaining 25% of the costs to purchase the properties, raze the dwellings, and return the land to open space is to be local costs that can be shared between the property owners, local government or any other combination of non-federal funds. In that regard, to determine if, and to what extent, the Township may participate in providing funding for the local share, Mr. Schaum planned to make several motions until one motion was passed.

Motion (Schaum-Samtman) for the Township to contribute 25% of the local costs for both 40 Brookside Road and 36 Brookside Road. The cost shall not exceed \$106,650. Mr. Gillies suggested that the Township's participation at this rate may provide opportunities for other improvements. Mr. Dailey stated that he was in favor of the project and participating at a rate of a 25% contribution. He provided an example of how the Township's participation over several properties could achieve greater participation in the FEMA program. Mr. Harbison described two different FEMA projects in which the Township has participated: one, the 25% local share, as discussed this evening, and second, a 3% local share, as was done in another neighborhood. The 3% local participation was for homes that were classified as severe repetitive FEMA insurance claims, and the 25%

local participation was for properties that made claims less often. He also discussed the Township's purchase of a Montgomery Avenue property that provided no assistance with flooding in the area and suggested that consideration be given to making other improvements vs. the taking of the subject private properties. Ms. Samtmann wished to clarify that it is not a matter of how badly the homes were flooded, but the number of claims that the families made against their FEMA insurance. She stated her full support of the project as currently presented. Mr. Wilson discussed the Montgomery County grant application for improvements to Brookside Road as well as improvements made to Terminal Avenue, and the purchase of the Montgomery Avenue property in excess of \$300,000. He expressed his concern for the impact on surrounding property values given the removal of some of the homes in the neighborhood. He believes that the money discussed this evening might be better spent on other off-site remediation efforts. Mr. Dailey suggested that experience in the Hemlock Road neighborhood indicated that the homes that were retained maintained their appraised values. Vote 5-2; Harbison and Wilson opposed.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously authorizing Public Financial Management Inc., the Township financial advisor, to distribute a Request for Qualifications for potential bidders on the sale or concession lease of the Springfield Township sanitary sewer system. Mr. Wilson asked if this authorization included the use of a cloud data storage file as discussed at the meeting on Monday night. Mr. Berger indicated that this motion did not specifically include the cloud data storage opportunity but was the overall project.

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

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the March check reconciliation in the amount of \$588,840.17 and the April bill listing in the amount of \$1,161,452.12.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1351, a resolution establishing tax-exempt post-issuance compliance policies and procedures. Bond counsel for the Township is recommending that the Board of Commissioners officially adopt the tax-exempt post-issuance compliance policies and procedures in order for the Township to maintain the tax-exempt status of the Township's general obligation note and future bonds in compliance with the IRS. These procedures are also important to the purchasers of the general obligation note and bonds in order that the bonds maintain their tax-exempt status.

Mr. Gillies announced that on March 30, 2015, the Township received five proposals in response to the Township issued Request for Proposals for actuarial and administrative services for the three township pension plans. The responses were

received from Thomas J. Anderson & Assoc., of West Chester; Conrad Siegel, of Harrisburg; Duda Actuarial Consulting, of Fort Washington; Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, of Pittsburgh; and Savitz, of Philadelphia. The Board of Commissioners will shortlist the firms and conduct interviews in the near future before selecting the actuarial firm.

Mr. Gillies remarked that on March 30, 2015, the Township was scheduled to conduct a bid opening for the sale of 8911 Montgomery Avenue, Wyndmoor. Unfortunately, no bids were received.

Motion (Gillies-Samtman) carried unanimously to authorize the Township staff to follow procedures to conduct an auction for the sale of 8911 Montgomery Avenue. Mr. Wilson wished to clarify that the Township will have an opportunity to set the minimum bid levels associated with the auction sale of the property.

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

Mr. Standish noted that Board of Commissioners is not going to proceed with the advertisement of a draft ordinance amending the existing Industrial zoning district due to receipt of comments from the Township Planning Commission which the Board wishes to consider further.

Motion (Standish-Wilson) carried unanimously that consistent with Section 512.1 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the Board of Commissioners waive the formal land development review process associated with the land development application of the School District of Springfield Township related to a cafeteria addition to the Erdenheim Elementary School, 500 Haws Lane. The waiver was conditioned upon the following: (1) that the School District and Township enter into an agreement with acceptance of conditions issued by the Township Zoning Hearing Board related to off-street parking requirements for Erdenheim Elementary School cited in the Zoning Hearing Board petition #2012-08, and a related Order of the Zoning Hearing Board dated February 27, 2013, (2) that the cafeteria addition be consistent with plans entitled "Cafeteria Expansion - Erdenheim Elementary School" prepared by Gilbert Architects, Inc. dated February 25, 2015, (3) that the cafeteria addition size is consistent with the Zoning Hearing Board petition #2012-08, and associated Order of February 27, 2013, and (4) the School District shall secure all requisite construction and stormwater management permits in conjunction with the project.

Motion (Standish-Gillies) carried unanimously to approve the land development plan of LaSalle College High School. The plans are dated November 26, 2014, last revised February 11, 2015. The subject of the land development is the conversion of one of their existing practice fields to an artificial turf field, and the

placement of the excavated soils from that practice field on the Glaser athletic field, which is directly next to the proposed artificial turf practice field. Glaser field will be re-established as a natural turf field as it exists today. LaSalle College High School will be required to comply with the Springfield Township stormwater management regulations and will reimburse the Township for costs associated with the Township engineer's review and inspection of the stormwater facilities.

Motion (Standish-Samtman) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1352, a resolution endorsing an application to the Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant Program for a project to install stormwater drainage improvements on Brookside Road, Erdenheim.

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

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of March 2015, Springfield Township residents recycled 187.6 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 77.1%. The net cost for the month was \$10,883.39.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to authorize the engagement of Kreilick Conservation LLC to stabilize and preserve the LaLoire et LeLoiret statue adjacent to 1207 Claridge Circle, Wyndmoor, for a price not to exceed \$10,000. The statue is modeled after Corneille van Clève which is now featured at Musée du Louvre.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1353, a resolution proclaiming Saturday, April 25, 2015 as Arbor Day in Springfield Township, and encouraging all residents to join with the Township Shade Tree Commission to celebrate Arbor Day, and support efforts to plant new trees and protect existing trees and woodlands. The Township Shade Tree Commission will be celebrating Arbor Day at Wyndhill Park beginning at 9:00 AM on April 25, and will giving away ten to fifteen small container trees and ten soil testing kits to residents in attendance.

Motion (Harbison-Wilson) carried unanimously to authorize the installation of an oak alleè at Wyndhill Park off Hartwell Lane. The cost to install the oak alleè plus 5 foot deer fencing is estimated at \$5,212. The funding will come from the Township Shade Tree account which was funded by outside sources.

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

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

Ms. Samtmann announced that the Board of Commissioners is interested in securing volunteers to serve on a committee to organize the annual Community Day events scheduled for October 11, 2015 at Cisco Park. Residents can send a short letter or email via the Township website at www.springfieldmontco.org expressing their interest. The Erdenheim Civic Association will be assisting with the Community Day and will be managing the 5K run/walk. The Board thanked the Erdenheim Civic Association in advance for their support.

Motion (Samtmann-Gillies) carried unanimously to permit the Beth Tikvah B’Nai Jeshurun Synagogue of Springfield Township to conduct a fundraising 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk to be held on October 18, 2015. The run/walk will originate at the synagogue and will follow principally the same 5K route as the Community Day route, and then end back at the synagogue worship site on Paper Mill Road.

Motion (Samtmann-Gillies) to grant permission to Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels to conduct a 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk on a date to be determined, perhaps on September 27 or October 4, 2015. The run/walk will originate and end at Cisco Park and will follow the same route as the Community Day 5k Run/Walk event. Mr. Wilson cited other runs throughout Erdenheim and suggested maybe it was beginning to be too many runs which may adversely affect the Erdenheim residents. Vote 5-2; Schaum and Wilson opposed.

Motion (Dailey-Gillies) to suspend the business meeting in order to conduct a public hearing on the Lloyd tract, 1777 Willow Grove Avenue, to consider amendments to the zoning code text and map to rezone the tract from “AA Residential” to “Cluster Residential District” with amendments.

Mr. Dailey reconvened the business meeting and announced that the Board of Commissioners was not inclined to vote on the zoning amendments for the Lloyd tract, and the Board may take the opportunity to reach out to the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners regarding a portion of the Lloyd tract in Cheltenham Township.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

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4/22/15

