

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, March 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Springfield Middle School Library for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. All members of the Board were present with the exception of Mr. Schaum. Mr. Harbison presided.

Mr. Harbison thanked the Springfield Township School Board of Directors, the Superintendent of Schools and the Middle School Principal for accommodating the Township's need to temporarily relocate the monthly meetings during the municipal campus renovation project.

Mr. Harbison 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. Harbison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Harbison announced that the Board of Commissioners held a brief executive session to receive legal advice earlier this evening.

Mr. Harbison acknowledged the absence of Commissioner Schaum who was called out of town on business.

Motion (Wilson-Dailey) vote 6-0, 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.

Brennan Preine, 265 Northwestern Avenue, addressed the Board of Commissioners and congratulated Commissioners Graham and Maxwell on being elected as Township Commissioners. Mr. Preine also asked that the Board of Commissioners review Section 114-3C.1 of the AAA-AQ-1 zoning district related to road frontage of the Squire's Ridge age restricted development on the Tecce tract, Ridge Pike. Specifically, Mr. Preine noted that the Code requires that the AAA-AQ-1 development must have frontage on a primary arterial road. He acknowledged that Ridge Pike is defined as such a road, but suggested that since the entire frontage of the Tecce tract was rezoned to Institutional zoning, he does not believe that the age restricted development to the rear of the Institutional zoning district has frontage on the primary arterial road. The Board of Commissioners suggested they would ask Mr. Garrity to review the conditions and report back at a future meeting.

Joan Parsons, Hawkswell Circle, addressed the Board of Commissioners and presented several photographs of the adjoining school bus depot and land within the townhouse development directly next door. Ms. Parsons raised the following points: (1) believes that the new foot bridge is too low in elevation and may exacerbate floodwater levels in the area, (2)

thanked all for correcting the lighting nuisance created by the school bus depot, (3) discussed communication she had with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection with regard to a white slime that she believes came from the bus depot into the townhouse development, (4) suggested her husband has complained of the smell of diesel from the school bus depot, (5) wished to review the parking plan for the expanded school bus depot, (6) asked that the parking along Oreland Mill Road be reviewed; apparently employees of the bus depot are parking on Oreland Mill Road and damaging the land of the townhouse development. Mr. Berger commented that at approximately 6:00 AM through 6:45 AM on March 8, 2016, he and Commissioner Schaum visited the site to observe the smell of diesel as Ms. Parsons previously communicated this concern. Neither of the two township representatives smelled diesel.

Carla and Samuel Greene, 902 Summit Lane, addressed the Board of Commissioners and suggested that ideally the new billboard on route 309 expressway would be removed. In lieu of the removal, they suggested that the plan to plant trees between their property and the billboard be expedited. Commissioner Graham stated that he received historical data from the Township on the billboard situation and following his review of same, he is establishing a meeting with the owner of the billboard to review the landscaping plans and will do what he can to expedite the plantings.

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

Motion (Harbison-Standish) 6-0 vote, to approve the February check reconciliation in the amount of \$2,401,027.37 and the March bill listing in the amount of \$765,655.66.

Mr. Graham reported for Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Works and Facilities Committee:

Motion (Graham-Maxwell) vote 6-0, that the Board of Commissioners enter into an Access Easement and Shared Parking Agreement with LaSalle College High School. The access easement is a cross easement over property owned by both Springfield Township and LaSalle College High School that would permit access to existing and proposed parking for each entity. In addition, the agreement permits LaSalle College High School access to specified off-street parking spaces adjacent to the proposed Public Works facility and the existing Springfield Ambulance facility when the parking is not in use by the Township. Mr. Wilson clarified the location of the new Township parking which will be adjacent to the new public works facility.

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

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board was scheduled for March 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Middle School Library, 1901 Paper Mill Road, Oreland. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Mr. Dailey noted that there may be some confusion by residents with regard to the new sanitary sewer bills to be issued by the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. He noted that the January bills were recently issued and the February bills will be issued shortly. Mr. Dailey asked that Township staff post information on the Township website with regard to the schedule for the sewer bills to be issued by the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority.

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

Mr. Wilson announced that during the month of February 2016, Springfield Township residents recycled 187.5 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 78.6%. The net cost for the month was \$17,053.74.

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

Mr. Maxwell, Chairman of Public Safety Committee, reported:

Motion (Maxwell-Wilson) vote 6-0, to amend the Springfield Township Code, Section 107-32, Schedule IX, Parking Prohibited, to prohibit parking on the east side of Hawthorne Lane from its intersection with Paper Mill Road to a point 600 feet southerly thereof and to prohibit parking on the west side of Hawthorne Lane from its intersection with Paper Mill Road to a point 620 feet southerly thereof.

Mr. Maxwell explained that the subject area is directly adjacent to the Township municipal campus and most of the area is already posted "No Parking". The parking prohibitions will help regulate parking during the campus renovation project and, in the future, will encourage patrons of the Township Library to utilize the offstreet parking.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary