

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPRINGFIELDTOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
October 18th, 2011**

The Springfield Township Planning Commission (PC) held its semi-monthly meeting on the date noted above. Chairman Bob Gutowski called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM, with the following members present: Amanda Helwig, Mary Holland, David Sands, Bob Gutowski, Joe Gerber, James Mascaro Angela Murray, George Schaefer, and Joseph Devine. Rob Dunlop Staff Liaison and Commissioner Doug Heller represented the Township, and Jean Holland represented the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) this evening.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the September 20th, 2011 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes with amendments made by J. Mascaro and seconded by M. Holland. Minutes approved unanimously, and Angela Murray abstained from voting because she had not been present at the meeting.

**Commissioners Report:**

Board of Commissioners approved going public with the “Emerging Trends and Critical Issues” as part of the public outreach process of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

BOC granted approval for 8616 Montgomery Ave Land Development with waivers per PC recommendations.

Storm water issues were discussed at great length at the last BOC meeting. Many residents came forward to express concerns and frustration over serious flooding problems that have occurred during the record rainfall recorded in August and September of this year. The Township needs to determine that in approving future development projects we do not make our storm water issues worse. Consideration should be taken in comparing pre-development and post-development storm water management. PC discussed a range of strategies to offer homeowners to help with Storm water management, like rain gardens, rain barrels and other best management practices.

The Wyndhill Park and Veteran Park issue regarding the athletic field issue has been resolved. Township soccer and lacrosse clubs are paying for the installation of multi-use athletic field at Veterans Park where the current roller hockey rink is located. The impervious surface is being removed and replaced with a natural turf playing surface.

**Old Business**

**Comprehensive Plan**

The PC entered into a Workshop Session of the Comprehensive Plan.

Final details of the November 15<sup>th</sup> Open House were discussed. The regular PC Meeting will start at 7:30 PM that night to allow for room reconfiguration after the open house. PC Members should be prepared to discuss Chapter 3 at the next meeting, along with Chapters 2 & 4 if time allows.

Motion to adjourn was made by B. Gutowski at 8:36 pm and seconded by David Sands. All in Favor.

Minutes by A. Helwig, Secretary

