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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

Springfield Township Board of Commissioners COVID-19 Update

July 7, 2020

On June 26, 2020, Springfield Township joined its neighboring communities in easing Covid-related regulations as Montgomery County transitioned to the “Green Phase” of Governor Wolf’s reopening plan for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In accordance with the Green Phase of the Springfield’s Return to Work Plan, the following changes to Township services have been put into effect starting on June 29, 2020:

The Township Administration/Police Building and the Free Library of Springfield Township are now open to the public. Accommodations have been made to safeguard public health and the well-being of staff. We ask that visitors to any Township facility wear a face mask while in the building as a courtesy to others and help prevent the spread of the Covid virus.

The Library will operate under their summer hours with all meeting rooms and seating areas closed until further notice. **Residents with borrowed books that need to be returned should return them to the library before July 15 to avoid late fees.** Please check the library page on the township website for details.

All public playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, restrooms, and fishing areas in our parks have also been reopened. Permitting for these areas are allowed with restrictions on the total number of people per field and facility. The Recreation Center has also reopened, but only for township programming. Rentals of the rec center are still prohibited until further notice.

Despite numerous township facilities and operations returning to normal, all Board of Commissioners and Advisory Board meetings will continue to be held virtually using the Zoom virtual conferencing platform. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution for the public health as well as the Board’s desire to ensure that public gathering restrictions do not unintentionally inhibit the ability of any member of the community to participate in a Township meeting.

The move to the green phase of the Governor’s Reopening Plan marks a positive step in our pursuit to return to some semblance of normalcy. Yet, as the restrictions put in place to protect us all are relaxed, the Board believes it is more important than ever to exercise caution and adhere to public health guidelines issued by local, state, and federal agencies. Social distancing and wearing face masks if possible when out in public are two simple ways to help prevent the spread of this disease.

No one wants to go back to the severe restrictions that were in place this past spring. Only by working together and adhering to the guidelines issued by public health officials we can progress beyond the Green Phase and hopefully see the removal of all restrictions in the near future.