

AGENDA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023, 7:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 860 5319 9151 MEETING PASSCODE: TOWNSHIP

LINK TO LIVE BROADCAST: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86053199151

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>: Residents who plan to attend the meeting in person are encouraged to comment on agenda items or bring new business to the attention of the Board of Commissioners at the beginning of the meeting. Residents who will be attending remotely are encouraged to submit their comments or questions to the Township Manager prior to the close of the business day on the date of the meeting using the link below:

SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. <u>Resolution</u> consider a resolution prohibiting the display of the "Thin Blue Line American Flag" on Township property
- 2. <u>Resolution</u> consider a resolution accepting the deeds of dedication for Henry Way, Starr Lane and a portion of Ranch House Lane
- 3. <u>Land Development 902 Pleasant Avenue</u> accept a letter granting an extension to the 90 day land development review process
- 4. **Recycling Report** review the monthly recycling activities
- 5. "Code Blue" Warming Shelter discuss the use of township facilities for temporary shelter activities
- 6. <u>Bid Burton Road Flood Mitigation Project</u> review the bid results and consider an award
- 7. <u>Township Manager's Report</u> discuss operational issues as outlined in the Monthly Report
- 8. <u>January Bill Listing</u> review and approve the monthly bill listing and check reconciliation of the previous month
- 9. **Zoning Hearing Board Agenda** announce the agenda of any special or regular meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Taylor Secretary/Manager

AMT:cmt 1/4/23

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ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WISHING TO ATTEND THE ABOVE SCHEDULED MEETING AND REQUIRING AN AUXILIARY AID, SERVICE OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDINGS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AT 215-836-7600, 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

To access the live broadcast of the meeting via zoom, residents can watch:

- VIA WEB BROWSER: Copy and paste this link into your web browser: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86053199151; type in the passcode: TOWNSHIP, when prompted.
- VIA ZOOM APP: if you have the Zoom App on your smartphone, tablet, or computer, open the program, click join a meeting, and enter the Meeting ID: 860 5319 9151; type in the passcode: TOWNSHIP, when prompted.
- VIA CALL-IN: Dial +1 646 558 8656 and enter the Meeting ID: 860 5319 9151; type in the passcode: TOWNSHIP, when prompted.

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY OR USE OF THE THIN BLUE LINE AMERICAN FLAG ON ALL TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WHEREAS, the "Thin Blue Line" phrase refers to the line between chaos and order, with law enforcement officers as the barrier preventing any further encroachment of chaos upon order; and

WHEREAS, the traditional "Thin Blue Line" flag was depicted as a black field with a single, narrow blue line (hereinafter referred to as the "Traditional Thin Blue Line Flag"); and

WHEREAS, a variation of the Traditional Thin Blue Line Flag incorporating a black and white American flag with one blue stripe was subsequently created as a sign of support for law enforcement officers (hereinafter referred to as the "Thin Blue Line American Flag"); and

WHEREAS, over time, and partially in negative response to the "Black Lives Matter" flag, the Thin Blue Line American Flag has also come to represent opposition to racial justice movements, including the Black Lives Matter cause, and in some instances has become a symbol of white supremacy, and is recognized as such by individuals and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has received public comment from many Springfield Township (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") residents suggesting that any continuing display of the Thin Blue Line American Flag after its usurpation by white supremacist groups, appears to express support for the systemic oppression of certain members of the Township community, notwithstanding the original intent to simply support police departments and their officers; and

WHEREAS, the visible display of the Thin Blue Line American Flag by Township employees or upon Township Property is contrary to the core values of the Township, and impedes efforts to build trust among all citizens in the policing services provided by the Township through its well-respected Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township does, as a matter of respect and sensitivity to all the citizens of the Township, hereby prohibit the visible display or use of any image that depicts the Thin Blue Line American Flag by any Township employee, agent or consultant, whether it be on Township property (including a township vehicle) or on the visible skin or visible clothing of an employee (including an employee's uniform whether on or off duty) during the course of their regular workday or while representing Springfield Township in any capacity.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

By:_______
James M. Lee, President

ATTEST:

A. Michael Taylor, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO.

Falcon Hill Estates at Wyndmoor

Acceptance of:

Starr Lane Right-of-Way (newly constructed road); Henry Way Right-of-Way (newly constructed road); and Ranch House Lane Right-of-Way

WHEREAS, FOXLANE HOMES AT LAVEROCK LLC ("Grantor") has subdivided and developed a certain tract of land located within Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, which tract and development is more commonly known as "Falcon Hill Estates at Wyndmoor" (the "Development"); and

WHEREAS, the Development required the construction of two new roads known as Starr Lane and Henry Way, and also improvements to Ranch House Lane; and

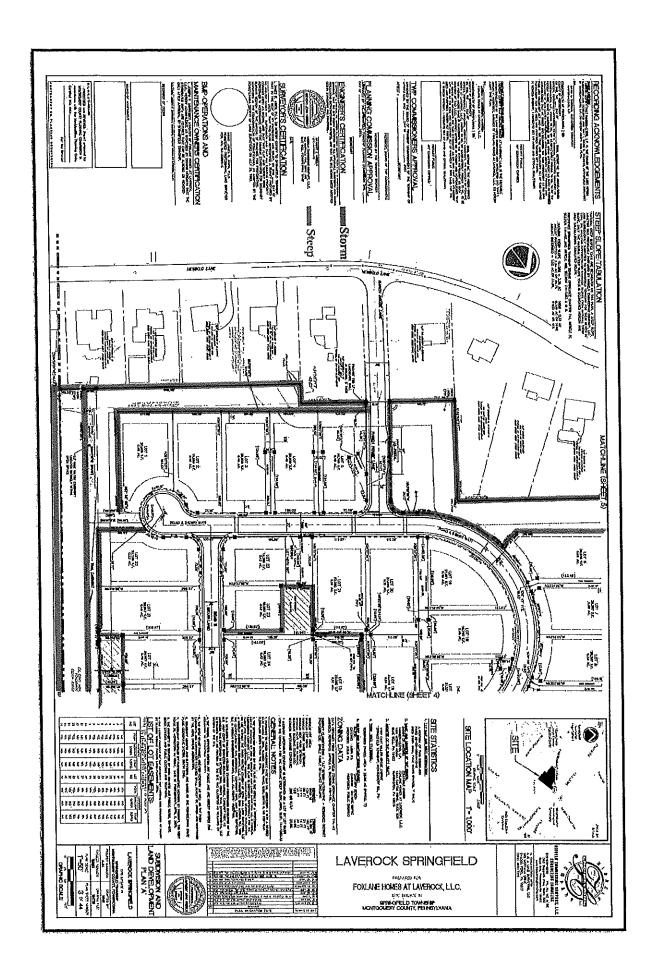
WHEREAS, the Grantor, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), desires to dedicate to Springfield Township ("Grantee") for public use and enjoyment the area within the right-of-way of the newly constructed Starr Lane and Henry Way and right-of-way along Ranch House Lane; and

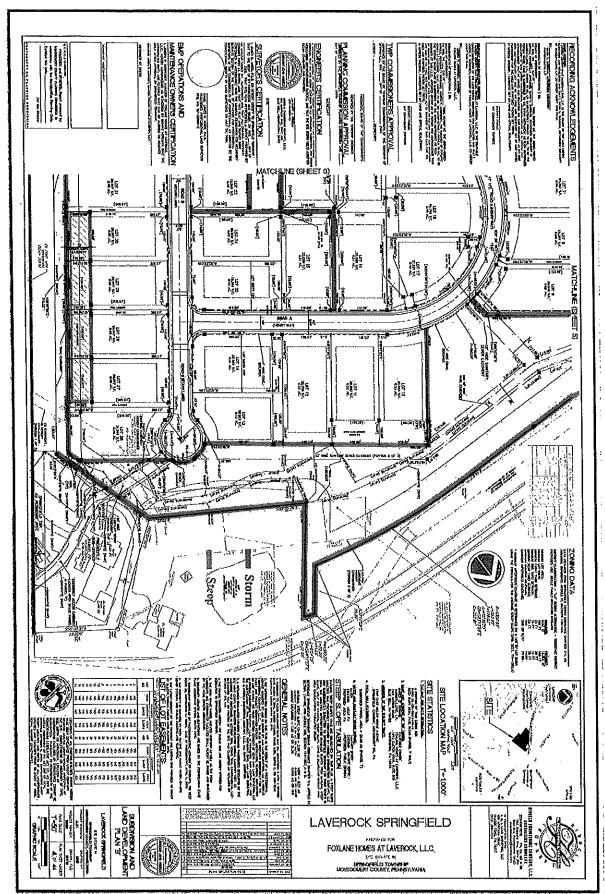
WHEREAS, the Grantee, by accepting the Deeds of Dedication and recording said Deeds and this Resolution, accepts the parcels of ground, more particularly described in Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" attached hereto and made a part hereof, as and for a public street, road, highway, trail, sidewalk, or utilities, together with the storm sewer lines constructed thereunder and the streetlights constructed therein.

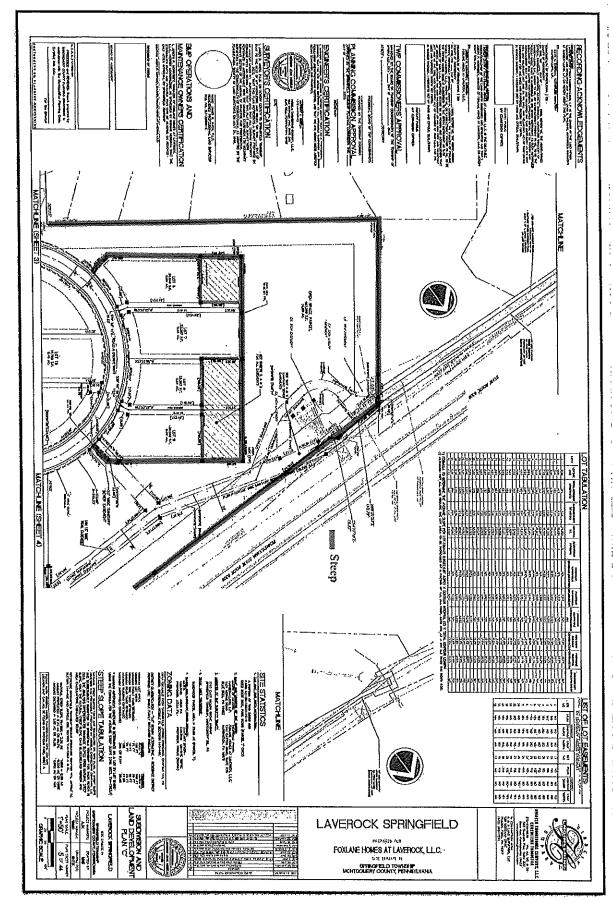
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

- 1. The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township accepts the Deed of Dedication for the described portion of Starr Lane, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A", to have and to hold, forever, as and for public streets, roads, highways, trails, sidewalks, or utilities, together with the storm sewer lines constructed thereunder and the streetlights constructed therein, and with the same effect as if the said streets, roads, highways, trails, sidewalks or utilities had been opened by a Decree of Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Montgomery after proceedings duly had for that purpose under and in pursuance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 2. The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township accepts the Deed of Dedication for the described portion of Henry Way, as more particularly described in Exhibit "B", to have and to hold, forever, as and for public streets, roads, highways, trails, sidewalks, or utilities, together with the storm sewer lines constructed thereunder and the streetlights constructed therein, and with the same effect as if the said streets, roads, highways, trails, sidewalks or utilities had been opened by a Decree of Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Montgomery after proceedings duly had for that purpose under and in pursuance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 3. The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township accepts the Deed of Dedication for the described portion of Ranch House Lane, as more particularly described in Exhibit "C", to have and to hold, forever, as and for public streets, roads, highways, trails, sidewalks, or utilities, together with the storm sewer lines constructed thereunder and the streetlights constructed therein, and with the same effect as if the said streets, roads, highways, trails, sidewalks or utilities had been opened by a Decree of Court of Common Pleas in and for

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with the laws of the Commonwealth of	Pennsylvania.					
APPROVED this day of	f, 2023, by the Board of Commissioners					
of Springfield Township for acceptance and recording.						
	SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP					
Ву:						
	James M. Lee, President Board of Commissioners					
Attest:	A. Michael Taylor, Secretary					







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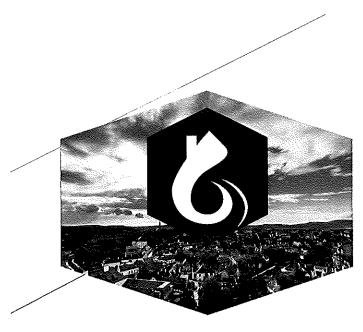
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ATTACHMENT B

RECYCLING REPORT STATISTICAL DATA FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

	THIS	YEAR TO	2022
	MONTH	DATE	BUDGET
Materials Collected (tons)			
Single Stream Recyclables	185.7	2,102.4	2,231
Householder Participation			
No. of Curb Stops	22,017	263,007	281,276
Percent of Total (7,200)	76.5	70.4	75.0
Avg. Lbs. per Curb Stop	16.9	16.0	15.9
Sales Value of Recyclables (net)			
Single Stream Recyclables (\$70.71)*	(13,130.85)	(58,564.39)	(101,323.33)
Disposal Savings/Cost Avoidance			
COVANTA Tipping Fee @ \$62.03	11,518.97	130,410.98	138,407.54
State Performance Grant			
Prorated Annual Award	2,470.42	29,645.04	29,645.00
Grand Total Sales/Savings	858.54	101,500.63	66,729.21
Cost of Collection (prorated)			
Labor and Overhead	(25,313.00)	(303,756.00)	(303,756.00)
Equipment Cost	(3,816.75)	(45,801.00)	(45,801.00)
General Expense/Recycling Center	(83.33)	(999.96)	(1,000.00)
Total Cost	(29,213.08)	(350,556.96)	(350,557.00)
Net Income and Saving	(28,354.54)	(249,056,33)	(283,827.79)

^{*} Sales value adjusts monthly



Housing Brief

- "The ache for home lives in all of us."
- Maya Angelou

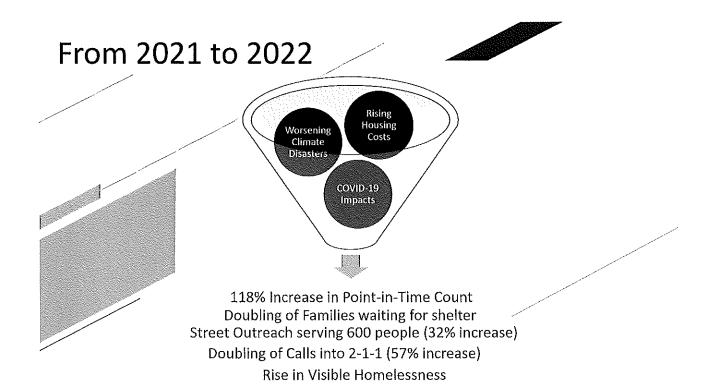
Your Way Home's Mission



Your Way Home is a public-private partnership whose mission is to ensure that everyone who lives, works, learns, and invests in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania has equal opportunity to live in an affordable home and a thriving community.







Housing Challenges

A recent multifamily report from Costar for the Philadelphia area demonstrates a one-two-three punch of major challenges now, and for the future.

- Vacancies for properties rated 3 Stars or lower now at 2.2%. And it's forecast to stay that way for the next 5+ years.
- Rents, including those for affordable apartments, continue to dramatically rise. Some municipalities are showing year-over-year rent gains of 12-17 percent.
- Local forecasts show limited production of new affordable units, due to varying factors such as supply-chain problems, labor workforce shortages, and NIMBYism ("Not in My Back Yard")



Responding to the Crisis

Montgomery County Commissioners have put out a call for all 62 municipalities to do their fair share and provide emergency housing, and permanent affordable housing to those in need.

Some local communities have stepped up to operate Code Blue shelters this winter

- Pottstown Beacon of Hope and Trinity Lutheran serving local residents
- Norristown Area School District

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Partnerships – How to Help Community & Individuals Landlords Faith Leaders Support • Become a Your Consider Way Home housing providing landlord development in emergency your housing Participate in community support eviction Call your local prevention and Engage with elected officials mediation your local services elected officials Consider donating or Be a champion Advocate for for providing local solutions volunteering with Your Way safe, accessible for local

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Partnerships - How to Help

Municipalities

- Provide emergency, missing middle, and affordable housing for your constituents
- Perform an analysis of local housing needs
- Review local zoning regulations for consistency and inclusivity
- Allow for Accessory Dwelling Units

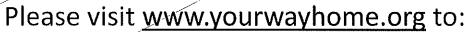
State Legislature

- Amend Act 137 to allow for more flexible funding for affordable housing
- Support initiatives to remove the cap from PHARE funding
- Increase funding to the Homeless Assistance Program out of the Human Services Block Grant

Federal Government

- Expand Housing Choice Vouchers
- Support the creation of a permanent rental assistance fund via the Eviction Crisis Act
- Increase funding for HUD's homeless assistance programs

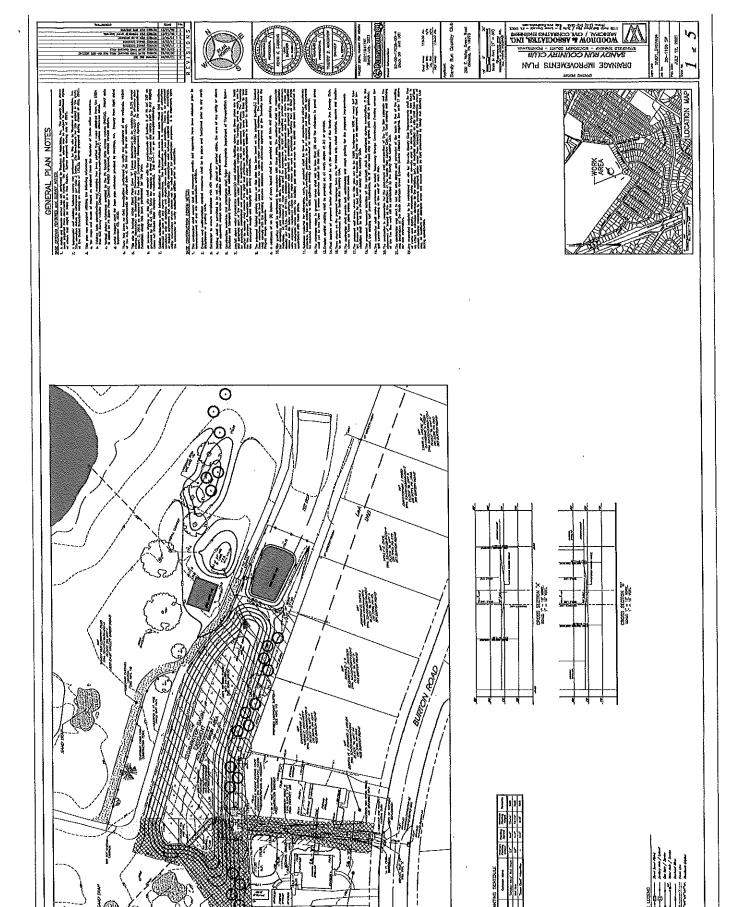
Let's stay connected...



- Donate
- Volunteer
- Stay up to date

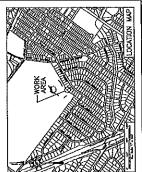
Give \$75 to help a family for one night Give \$525 to help one family for one week Give \$2,250 to help one family for one month

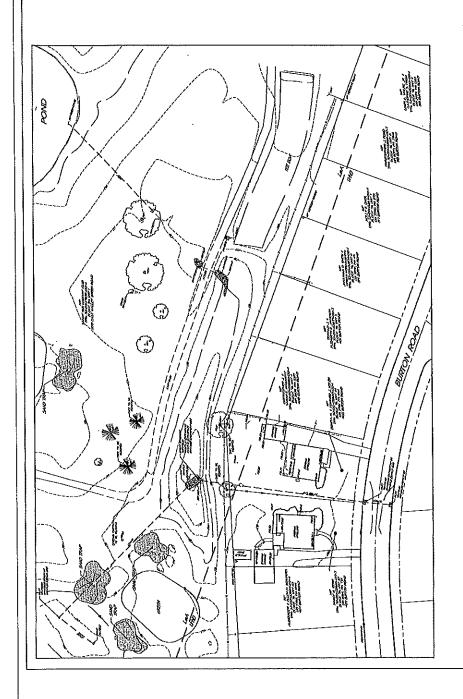




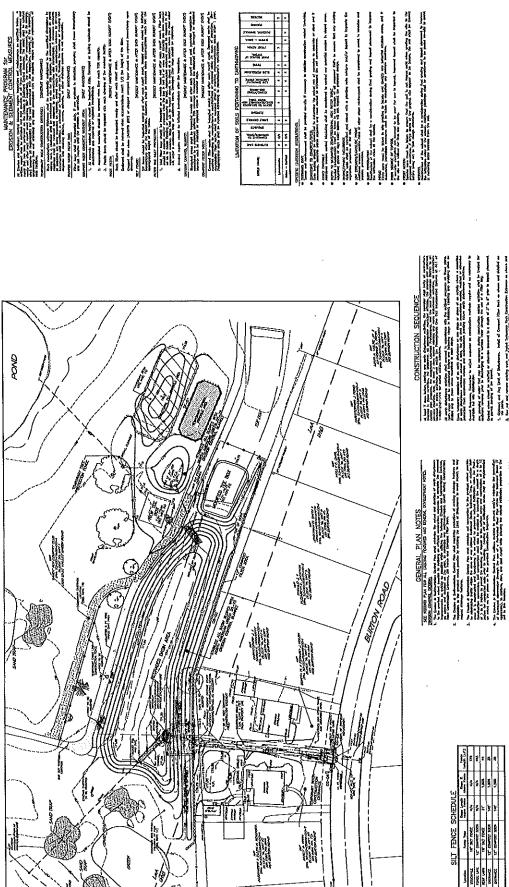












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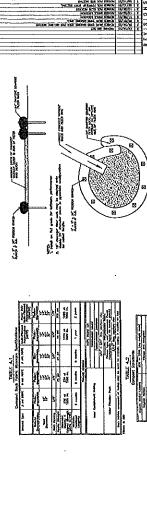
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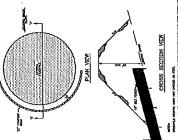
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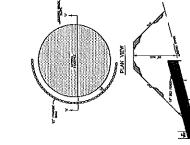
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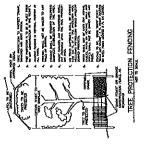
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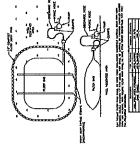
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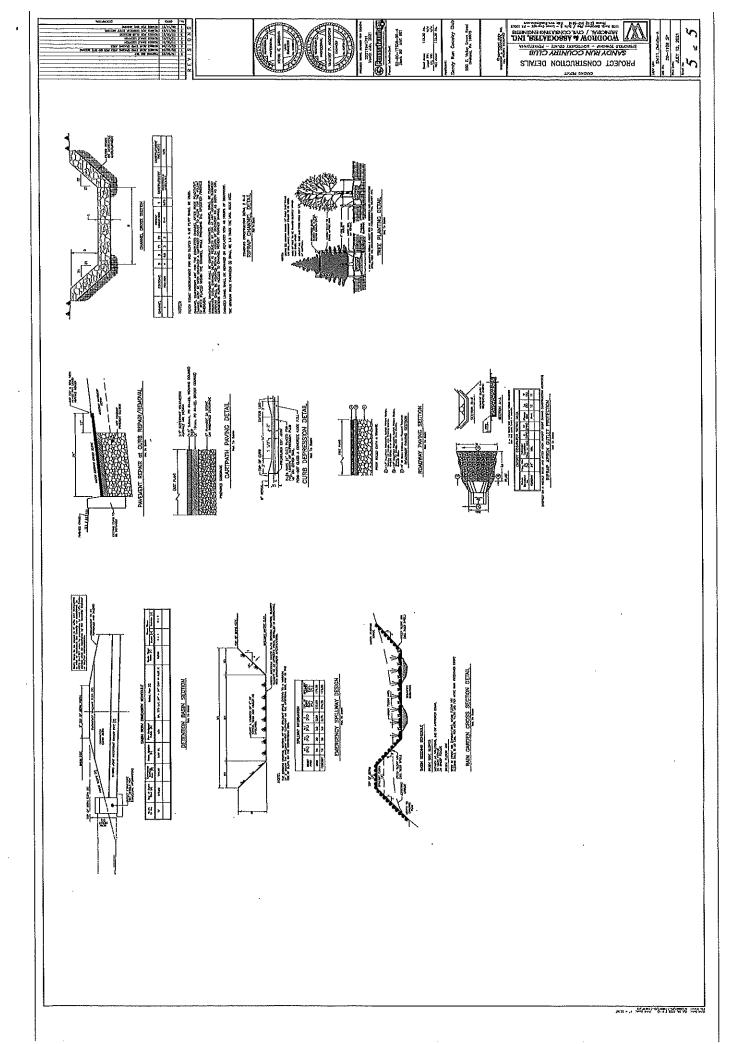


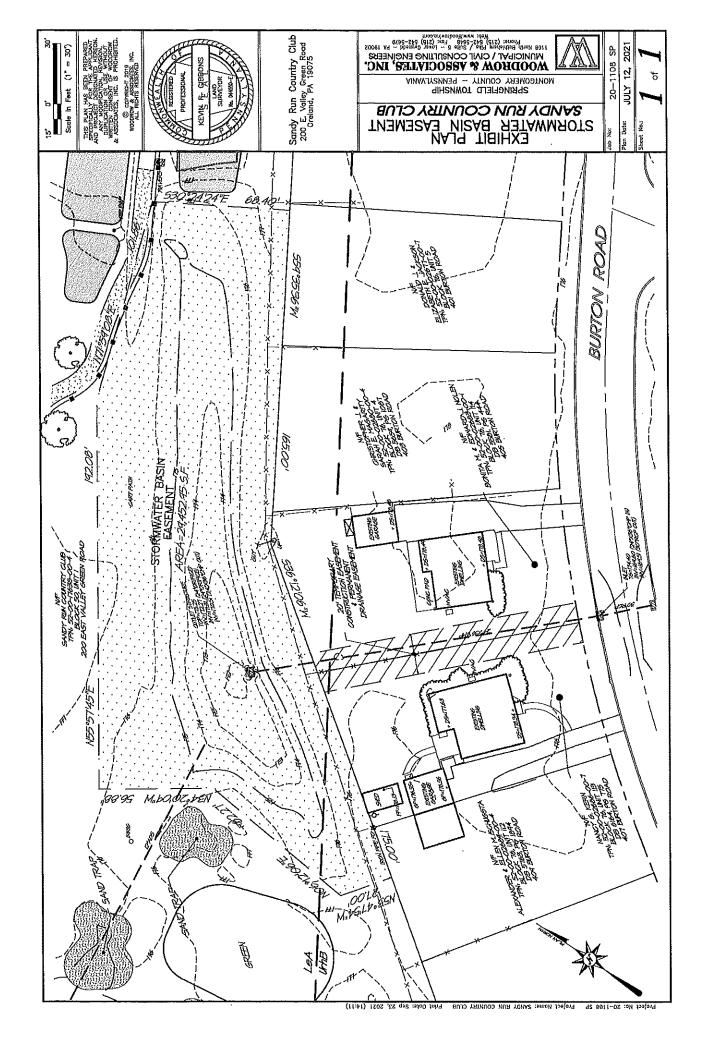
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Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board January 23, 2023 7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Ed Fox; Esq. Chairman, Zoning Hearing Board

Jennifer Guckin, Vice Chair, Zoning Hearing Board Member

Megan McDonough; Esq., Zoning Hearing Board

James Brown; Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Member Kate M. Harper, Esq.; Solicitor, Zoning Hearing Board

Decisions: There are no pending Order & Opinions to render.

Re-Organization: The Zoning Hearing Board will elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for

the calendar year 2023.

Continued Business:

Case #22-28: This is the application of Robert J. Orsher, owner of the property located at 8209 Ardmore Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA, also known as Parcel #5200-0049-0007. The applicant has requested a dimensional variance from Section 114-54.B of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks a variance to construct an addition to the existing single family dwelling that will reduce one of the side yard setback from 26.8 feet in width to 4 feet in width. In addition, the second side yard setback is proposed to be reduced from 23.2 feet in width to 16.11 feet. This will reduce the accumulative side yard setback from 50 feet in width, to 20.11 feet, instead of the required 35 feet. The property is zoned within the A-Residential District of Ward #2 of Springfield Township. The applicant has requested a continuance to allow for the plan to be revised.

New Business: There are no additional pending applications at this time.

Adjournment:

Note: The next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023 with a 7:00 P.M. start time. This meeting will be held at the Springfield Township Administration Building located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038