



#### WORKSHOP MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 – 7:00 PM

#### ZOOM MEETING ID: <u>895 8205 7289</u> MEETING PASSCODE: TOWNSHIP

#### LINK TO LIVE BROADCAST: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89582057289

<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 No. 1600 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan</u> receive a presentation from the Montgomery County Planning Commission and consider adoption of the plan.
- 2. <u>Traffic Study</u> <u>300 block Burton Road</u> review the results of a traffic study for the 300 block of Burton
- Ordinance No. 973 review and authorize advertisement of an ordinance amending Chapter 69 of the Township Code to formally establish the Springfield Township Police Department as required by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission
- 4. <u>Resolution No. 1601 Land Development 1108-1110 Willow Grove Ave.</u> 12-unit townhome development decision
- Land Development 1220 Bethlehem Pike Murray Funeral Home consider a request to waive the formal land development review process in order to remove a front porch and construct two additions totaling 2,263 SF
- 6. <u>**Recycling Report**</u> review the monthly recycling activities
- 7. "<u>No Mow May</u>" receive a presentation from the Environmental Advisory Commission
- 8. <u>2023 Highway Resurfacing Program</u> review and authorize the advertisement of bids for the annual highway milling and resurfacing program

- 9. <u>Sale of Used Vehicles</u> authorize the sale of four (4) used vehicles via on-line auction
- 10. <u>**Resolution No. 1602**</u> Integrity Avenue Flood Mitigation Project a resolution authorizing application to the PA DCED Flood Mitigation Grant Program
- 11. <u>Resolution No. 1603</u> proclaiming April 29, 2023 as Arbor Day in Springfield Township; announce the Arbor Day ceremony and activities
- 12. <u>Township Manager's Report</u> discuss operational issues as outlined in the Monthly Report
- 13. <u>April Bill Listing</u> review and approve the monthly bill listing and check reconciliation of previous month
- 14. <u>Ward 7 Commissioner Vacancy</u> formally accept the resignation of Eddie T. Graham; review the resumes and/or letters of interest received to fill the vacancy
- 15. <u>Environmental Counsel</u> authorize the engagement of Aaron S. Mapes and transfer of legal files related to 1725 Walnut Avenue from Post and Schell, PC, to Fox Rothschild, LLP and consent to any potential conflicts of interest associated with Mr. Mapes' new firm
- 16. <u>Zoning Hearing Board Agenda</u> announce the agenda of any special or regular meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board
- 17. <u>Bysher Avenue ADA Improvements project</u> authorize the advertisement of bids for the construction of an ADA accessible walkway and emergency access driveway
- <u>Resolution No. 1604 1725 Walnut Avenue Park Redevelopment Project</u> a resolution authorizing application to the DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program
- 19. <u>Girl Scouts</u> acknowledge the efforts of various girl scout troops to conduct Earth Day clean-up activities in various township parks
- 20. <u>Resolution No. 1605 No Shame/No Stigma Day</u> a resolution declaring April 19, 2023 as "Springfield Township No Shame/No Stigma Day"
- 21. <u>National Opioid Settlement</u> authorize the execution of settlement agreements with two drug manufacturers and three pharmacies in order to resolve opioid litigation brought by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other state and local jurisdictions

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Michael Taylor Township Manager

#### MT:cmt 4/4/23

#### NOTE: AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE!

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# **Montgomery County**

# 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

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# Introduction

### 1.1 Background

Hazard mitigation describes actions that are taken to eliminate or reduce risks to life and property from various forms of hazards in our world. By anticipating hazards and taking mitigation steps in advance of the onset of threatening events, communities can break the disaster cycle of damage, emergency response, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Though it is impossible to predict the future with certainty or to be prepared for every situation, effective mitigation measures can make a community more resilient and reduce exposure to the impact of the hazards that the county will face. To be effective, emergency management strategy must involve a full cycle of planning including mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Planning to avoid the consequences of disasters is a shared responsibility at all levels of local government, businesses, and residents. Everyone must be involved in mitigation. Responsibility for land use planning and preserving public health and safety can be exercised through the authority granted to municipal officials under the Municipal Planning Code (MPC) and various federally and state funded initiatives. Plans for community development, infrastructure, and emergency management are developed at the local level. Powers to enact or enforce construction, property maintenance, and fire prevention standards are derived from the individual codes that convey powers to all forms of local government, including townships of the first class, townships of the second class, boroughs, and home rule charter communities. The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC) is a fundamental law that guides all forms of construction. County government relies upon state and federal resources to implement various initiatives undertaken to mitigate local hazards. The cooperation of the private sector and each resident of the county will also be essential to ensure that mitigation actions presented in this plan are effective.

In the past several decades, the impact of various hazards on the nation has resulted in deaths, injuries, property damage and the interruption of business and government services. The resources required to recover from disasters caused by human, technological, and natural hazards have increased to the point where it is placing a strain on other government services. Since 1953, there have been 63 emergency declarations have been proclaimed that have impacted Montgomery County. A full list of all of the declarations can be found in Appendix X.

### 1.2 Purpose

This plan is intended to provide the county and the municipalities with a strategy for mitigation of natural, human and technological disasters that could occur in Montgomery County. It addresses the local government planning responsibilities established by the Stafford Act, as amended, which

requires state and local governments to develop and adopt an approved mitigation plan as a condition for receiving federal disaster grants and loans. This plan revises and updates the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared in 2017 and adopted by nearly all 62 municipalities in the county.

The hazard mitigation plan provides a single source of information about the threat from various natural and human-caused hazards to Montgomery County and various strategies to reduce the threat. It also complements other emergency management planning documents used regularly by county and state officials. Prior to the development of the original plan in 2007, no single source of information about floods and other natural and human-caused hazards was available for reference. Instead, information was scattered in municipal and county departments. With subsequent revisions, this plan has become the source of comprehensive information about hazards in the county. With clear goals about future mitigation approaches and defined mitigation projects, this plan provides a framework for future action at all levels of government and private business to reduce the impact of future disaster conditions.

#### 1.3 Scope

The plan follows a structure used in the 2017 Montgomery County Plan and most recent state plan based on the Standard Operating Guide (SOG) developed by PEMA for county plan updates in Pennsylvania. By using this structure, the information in the plan will be found in similar sections as the state plan and plans prepared for other counties in the Commonwealth, thereby enabling the sharing of information and cross-referencing other plans as appropriate. The plan contains several chapters which describe relevant information about hazards in the county, the planning process, recommendations for mitigating hazards and future plan maintenance responsibilities. The Community Profile Chapter of the plan provides an overview of the county and its 62 municipalities. More detailed information about the physical and demographic features of the county is contained in Appendix H. The planning process used for this plan is documented in Chapter 3. Risk Assessment is a significant part of the plan outlined in Chapter 4. This chapter contains updated information from the 2012 Plan describing and evaluating each potential hazard. The county and study advisory committee relied upon historic information, best available research information, and predictive models to undertake this risk assessment for the county. As part of the process to evaluate hazard threats, attempts are made at estimating future losses and evaluating future trends that could change the vulnerability of the county to any of the threats. Chapter 5 describes the current capability of the county and municipal organizations to address all hazards. Chapter 6 itemizes the mitigation strategies needed to address potential threats based on community goals. Attempts are made to determine the economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits associated with each potential action given the limitations of available data. Also, the county and local governmental capacities are taken into account in the development of appropriate strategies. The remainder of this chapter identifies action strategies with cost-effective and technically feasible disaster loss reduction measures. Chapter 7 of the plan discusses the future plan maintenance procedures that the county will undertake with the help of each of the 62 municipalities and other key partners. Chapter 8 discusses plan adoption process. Appendices containing important data and summaries of the planning process steps are also included.

# 1.4 Authority and Reference

Authority for this plan originates from the following federal sources:

Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C., as amended

National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.

Authority for this plan originates from the following Commonwealth of Pennsylvania sources: <u>Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code. Title 35, Pa C.S. Section 101</u>

Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as amended December 21, 1988, P.L. 1329, No. 170

Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act of October 4, 1978. P.L. 864, No. 167

The following Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guides and reference documents were used to prepare this document:

FEMA. Integrating Hazard Mitigation Into the Local Comprehensive Plan.

FEMA, The Role of Local Leadership.

FEMA, Social and Economic Benefits.

FEMA, Planning for Post-Disaster Redevelopment.

FEMA, Protecting Community Infrastructure.

FEMA, Mitigation Ideas – January 2013

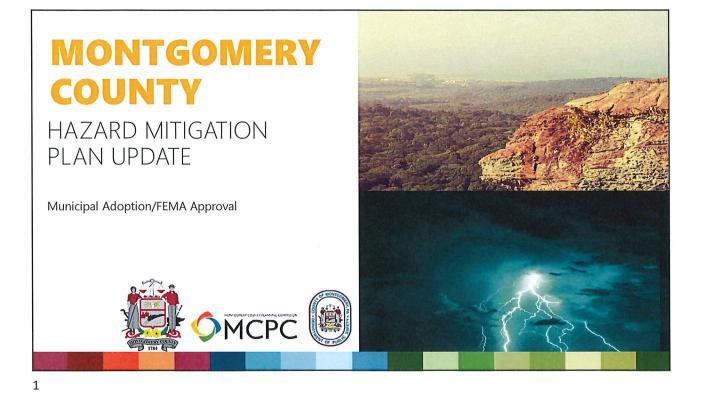
FEMA, Natural Hazard Retrofit Program Toolkit

The following Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) guides and reference documents were used to prepare this document:

PEMA, Standard Operating Guide. October 9, 2013

The following American Planning Association (APA) guides and reference documents were used to prepare this document:

APA. PAS Report Hazard Mitigation: Integrating Best Practices Into Planning – May. 2010 APA. PAS Report 576 Planning For Post-Disaster Recovery: Next Generation – March, 2015 APA, PAS Report 584 Subdivision Design And Flood Hazard Areas - October, 2016





# HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

- A Plan by the County is Required
  - Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 (as amended)
  - Homeland Security Act of 2002
  - National Flood Insurance Act of 1968

Past Update Years: 2007, 2012 & 2017

Content is prescribed by FEMA and consistent between Plans

Plans linked to future federal disaster relief grants and loans

Plans must be updated each 5 years

### WHAT HAZARDS ARE ASSESSED?

The HMP addresses five types of hazards:

#### **GEOLOGIC HAZARDS**

Earthquake Landslide Subsidence, Sinkhole Radon Exposure

**Extreme Temperature** 

Flood, Flash Flood, Ice Jam

#### INFRASTRUCTURE HAZARDS

Building CollapseUrbanDam FailureEnviroLevee FailureRadiolUtility DisruptionsTransp

Hurricane, Tropical, Nor'easter

Lightning Strike

Winter Storm Tornado Windstorm Urban Fire & Explosion Environmental Hazards Radiological Release Transportation Accidents

#### WEATHER HAZARDS & CLIMATE CHANGE BIOLOGIC HAZARDS

Pandemic and Infectious Disease Invasive Species\* SOCIAL HAZARDS

Civil Disturbance Cyber Terrorism Terrorism/Gun Violence\* Opioid Addiction\*

\*Invasive species, Gun Violence, and Opioid Addiction are new hazards added to the 2022 Plan

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Drought

Hailstorm

# Hazard Mitigation Plan Contents

# Content and organization is prescribed by FEMA

# The HMP contains these chapters:

#### Introduction & Community Profile

Geography and Environment

Community Facts

Population and Demographics Land Use and

and Limitations

Development Data Sources

#### Planning Process Update Process and

Participation Summary Meetings and Documentation

Public & Stakeholder Participation

Multi-Jurisdictional Planning

#### Risk Assessment

Hazard Profiles

Location and Extent Range of Magnitude Past Occurrence Future Occurrence Vulnerability Assessment <u>Hazard</u> <u>Vulnerability</u> <u>Summary</u>

Ranking Results Future Development and Vulnerability

Regulatory Capability Administrative and Technical Capability

Planning and

Financial Capability

Education and Outreach

#### Capability Assessment Mitigation Strategy

Goals and Objectives Mitigation Techniques Mitigation Action Plan

### Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals and Objectives

-Goals are general guidelines that describe what your community would like to achieve. Goals are broad, high level.

-Objectives define strategies that must be implemented to achieve the identified goals. Objectives are specific and measurable Goal #1: Develop a better understanding of the potential disasters that could occur in Montgomery County.

Goal #2. Ensure that the public understands potential hazards and is aware of the actions to be taken to minimize their risks.

Goal #3. Significantly reduce the risk of loss of life, injuries, economic costs, and destruction of natural and cultural resources that result from all hazards.

Goal #4. Encourage and promote actions to minimize the impact of floods within the county.

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#### Projects, Actions Recommendations

Springfield Township Projects/Actions/Recommendations

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is *not* a budgetary commitment to a project or an action

The content pertaining to the municipality came from the municipality, either in the 2017 plan or this plan update.

**General recommendations** cover many typical municipal projects

Including **specific projects**, **actions**, **and recommendations** in the plan enables the municipality to apply for FEMA funding (both FEMA grant programs, and emergency funding)

#### General recommendations

#### Objectives for Goal #3

Reduce the occurrences and impact of power outages Reduce fatalities and injuries caused by extreme heat and cold events

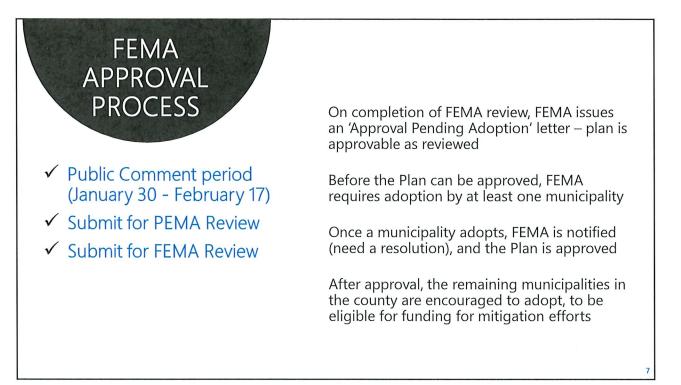
Reduce building and infrastructure damage and loss of life caused by land subsidence

Minimize the impact of winter storms on infrastructure and safe travel

#### Specific projects, actions, and recommendations

Table 6.4.1-1 | Potential Structure Elevation and Removal Projects

Municipality Springfield Township General Location House(s) within the unit block of Brookside Road



#### Resolution No. 1600

#### ADOPTION OF THE 2022 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

*WHEREAS*, Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

*WHEREAS*, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

*WHEREAS*, Springfield Township acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

*WHEREAS*, the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Montgomery County Planning Commission in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of Springfield Township, and

*WHEREAS*, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

*WHEREAS*, the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County:

- The Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Springfield Township, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADOPTED, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

By:

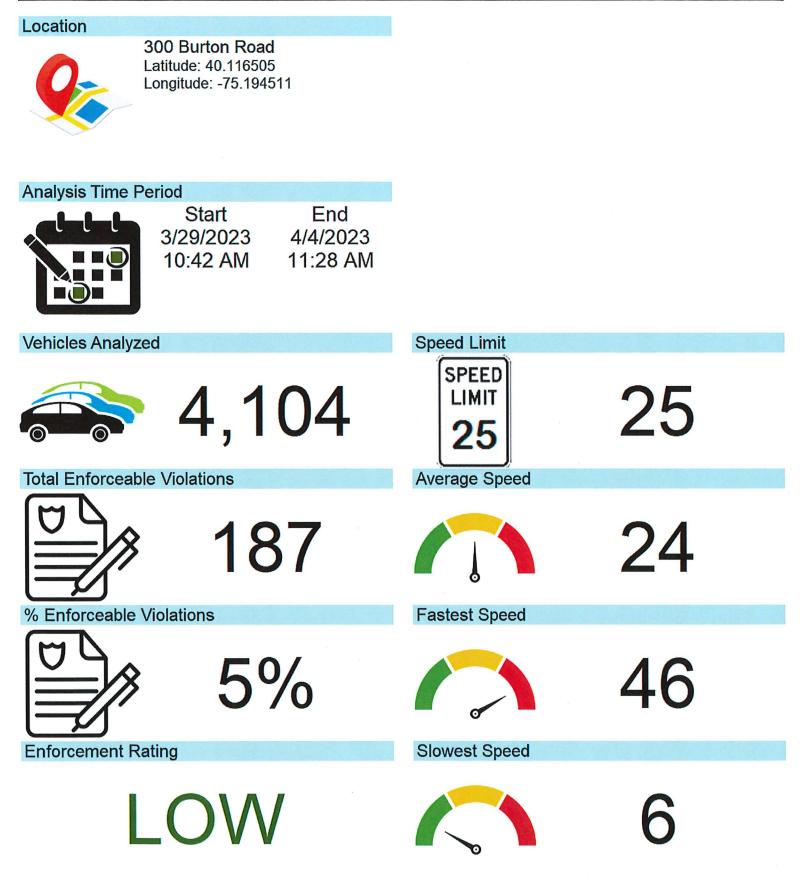
James M. Lee, President

ATTEST:

A.Michael Taylor, Secretary

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SPEED DATA ANALYSIS



#### **ORDINANCE NO. 973**

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CHAPTER 69, POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY REMOVING A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AND ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I.** The Code of the Township of Springfield, Chapter 69, Police Department, shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

#### Chapter 69. Police Department.

#### § 69-1. Police Department Established.

The Springfield Township Police Department is hereby established to preserve the public peace, enforce the criminal laws and penal ordinances, and protect the life and property of the citizens of Springfield Township.

#### § 69-2 Composition.

The Springfield Township Police Department shall consist of a Chief of Police and such other police officers as may be from time to time appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township.

#### § 69-3 Terms; compensation.

All such officers shall hold office at the pleasure and will of the Board and receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township.

#### SECTION II. – Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

#### SECTION III. – Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the law.

#### SECTION IV. – Repealer

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All other ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

> BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Ву: \_\_\_\_\_

James M. Lee, President

ATTEST:

A. Michael Taylor, Secretary

Township of Springfield, PA Tuesday, April 4, 2023

# Chapter 69. Police Department

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Springfield: Article I, 2-13-1974 by Ord. No. 634. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

Fire Department — See Ch. **34**. Police Pension Fund — See Ch. **63**, Article **II**. Social security — See Ch. **86**.

# Article I. Residency Requirements

[Adopted 2-13-1974 by Ord. No. 634]

### § 69-1. Residency requirement specified.

#### [Amended 7-11-1984 by Ord. No. 726]

Any nonresident of the township who is subsequently employed as a township policeman shall, within six months after the date of employment, reside within a ten-mile radius of the intersection of Paper Mill Road and Cheltenham Avenue, Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania. A map showing the boundary lines of this ten-mile area shall be retained in the office of the Township Manager.

### § 69-2. Extensions to time period for compliance.

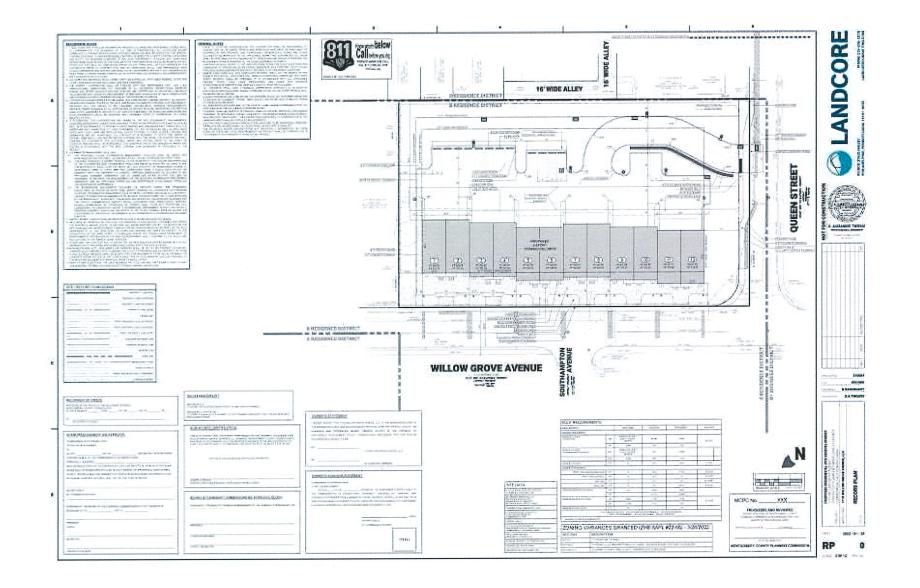
Extensions to the six-month residency rule may be granted by resolution of the Board of Commissioners when good and sufficient reason for such extension is filed by the policeman with the Township Manager. In no case, however, shall extensions be granted beyond one year from the date of the policeman's employment.

#### - Attachment A -



1110 East Willow Grove Avenue MCPC#230019001







3-29-23 REVISION











#### RECYCLING REPORT STATISTICAL DATA FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

	<u>THIS</u>	YEAR TO	<u>2023</u>	
	MONTH	DATE	BUDGET	
Materials Collected (tons)				
Single Stream Recyclables	174.8	487.2	2,172	
Householder Participation				
No. of Curb Stops	22,515	62,205	278,534	
Percent of Total (7,200)	62.5	66.5	74.0	
Avg. Lbs. per Curb Stop	15.5	15.7	15.6	
Sales Value of Recyclables (net)				
Single Stream Recyclables (\$65.49)*	(11,447.65)	(32,470.28)	(77,594.84)	
Disposal Savings/Cost Avoidance				
COVANTA Tipping Fee @ \$75.24	13,151.95	36,656.93	163,398.71	
State Performance Grant				
Prorated Annual Award	1,905.17	5,715.50	22,862.00	
Grand Total Sales/Savings	3,609.47	9,902.15	108,665.87	
Cost of Collection (prorated)				
Labor and Overhead	(26,011.42)	(78,034.25)	(312,137.00)	
Equipment Cost	(4,216.67)	(12,650.00)	(50,600.00)	
General Expense/Recycling Center	(83.33)	(250.00)	(1,000.00)	
Total Cost	(30,311.42)	(90,934.25)	(363,737.00)	
Net Income and Saving	(26,701.95)	(81,032.10)	(255,071.13)	

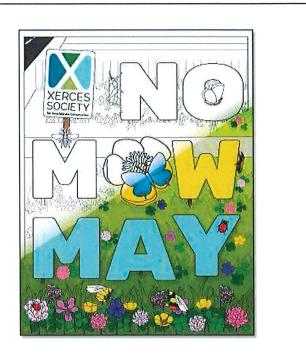
\* Estimated; Sales value adjusts monthly

# No Mow May

Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC)

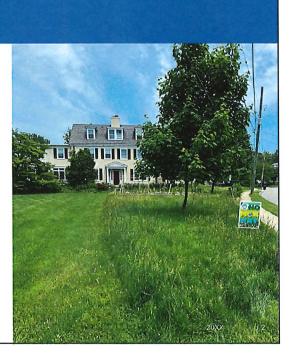
Martin Ryan

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# Agenda

- What is No Mow May?
- What are the benefits?
- Township Regulation
- Conservancy Plan
- Proposed No Mow May Pilot



**Presentation title** 



# What is No Mow May?

• The goal of No Mow May is to pause mowing during the month of May, allowing flowers to bloom in your lawn to help early season pollinators. Late winter and early spring is a time when blooming flowers are often limited.

# What are the benefits of No Mow May?

- There are several studies that illustrate how reducing the frequency of mowing benefits bees, as well as butterflies, grasshoppers, and many other insects.
- Taller grass means longer root systems which helps absorb rainwater and reduces Storm Water Runoff, an important township priority.
- Reduce air and noise pollution from gaspowered lawn equipment. Reduced costs.
- Some studies also indicate that less intense mowing practices lead to fewer pest insects including ticks.



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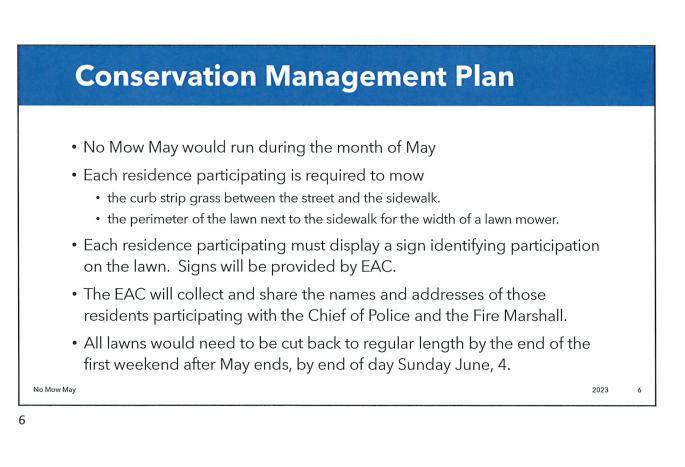
**Presentation title** 

# Chapter 11 - Brush, Grass and Weeds

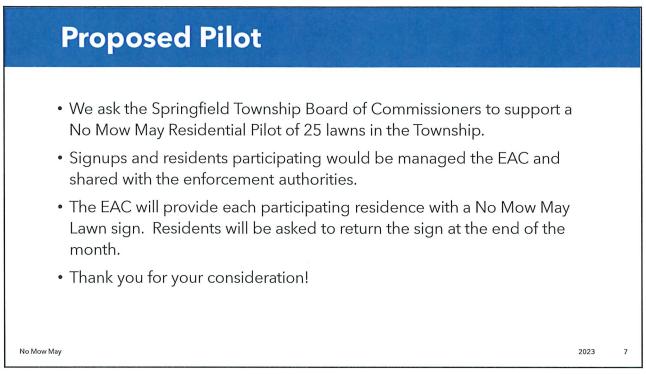
#### § 11-1Accumulation of objectionable vegetation prohibited.

<u>A.</u> No person, firm or corporation, being the owner or occupant of premises situated in Springfield Township, shall permit the growth or accumulation of weeds, tall grasses or other objectionable vegetation on such premises or any part thereof to such an extent or in such manner as shall, in the judgment of the Code Enforcement Officer of said Township, be prejudicial to the public health

**D.** The following areas shall be exempt from the requirements of this chapter except that noxious weeds shall be controlled within those areas: woodlands, wildflower gardens, meadows, steep slopes, wetlands, floodplains, riparian corridors, areas within 15 feet of a watercourse, pond or lake, an active farm field, pasture, and areas where stormwater management or conservation management plans have been established. Noxious weeds shall include ragweed, thistle, oriental bittersweet, hogweed, bamboo, multiflora rose, poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, and wild grapevines



<sup>2023 5</sup> 



#### PROPOSED 2023 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM <u>1st DRAFT</u> <u>RESURFACING</u>

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	YEAR LAST PAVED	EST. TONS	AVING EST. COST \$95.00 / TON	EST. SQ. YDS.	MILLING EST. COST \$3.25 / SY	EDGE FULL	UTILITY Reimburse ESTIMATED	TOTAL EST. COST	Est cost to Twp	
LUCON - Haws to cul-de-sac							LOTIMATED		¢05.000	
	1993 1993	220 100	\$20,900 \$9,500	1350 1050	\$4,388	E		\$25,288	\$25,288	
KOPELY - E. Wiss to McCloskey MONTGOMERY - Bruce to Ulmer		160			\$3,413	Full E		\$12,913	\$12,913 \$18,612	
GRAVERS - Flourtown to Elliston	1991		\$15,200 \$21,850	1050	\$3,413			\$18,613	\$18,613 \$26,806	2022 AQUA
	2004	230		1525	\$4,956	Full		\$26,806		
ELLISTON DR - Cul-de-sac to 2nd cul-de-sac	2004	460	\$43,700	3950	\$12,838	F/E		\$56,538		2022 AQUA
LEA CIRCLE GREENHILL ROAD - Haws to Preston	2004	60	\$5,700 \$23,750	525	\$1,706	Full		\$7,406	•	2022 AQUA 2023 PECO
	1994	250		1300	\$4,225	E	\$28,158			
PRESTON ROAD - Greenhill to Haws	1994	420	\$39,900 \$4,750	2700	\$8,775	E		\$48,675		2023 PECO
MALLORY ROAD - Preston to Dead-end	1994	50		275	\$894			\$5,644	\$5,644	
SUFFOLK ROAD - Preston to Greenhill	1994	360	\$34,200	2050	\$6,663	E		\$40,863	\$40,863	
SKYLINE DRIVE - Paper Mill to cul-de-sac	2004	420	\$39,900 \$7,600	2700	\$8,775	E		\$48,675	\$48,675	
MAPLE LANE - Church to Grace	1994	80	\$7,600	480	\$1,560	E		\$9,160	\$9,160	
GRACE LANE - Fleming to Cul-de-sac	1994	360	\$34,200	1890	\$6,143	E	05 404	\$40,343	\$40,343	
RORER STREET - Yeakel to Erdenheim	1993	75	\$7,125	420	\$1,365	E	\$5,161			2023 PECO
BEECH - Mermaid to Pleasant	1993	280	\$26,600	1220	\$3,965	E		\$30,565	\$30,565	2011 AQUA
CAMPBELL - Flourtown to Linden	1993	60	\$5,700	615	\$1,999	Full		\$7,699	\$7,699	
GROVE - Bethlehem to W. Mill	1995	550	\$52,250	2800	\$9,100	Е		\$61,350	\$61,350	2011 AQUA
ELM - Willow Grove to Mermaid	1995	290	\$27,550	1675	\$5,444	Е		\$32,994	\$32,994	2011 AQUA
NEW - Pleasant to Mermaid	1995	250	\$23,750	1200	\$3,900	Е		\$27,650	\$27,650	2011 AQUA
WYNDMOOR DRIVE	1995	390	\$37,050	1550	\$5,038	Е		\$42,088	\$42,088	
GORDON LA - Bethlehem to Stenton	08 RAL 95 RES	445	\$42,275	4500	\$14,625	Full		\$56,900	\$56,900	
QUEEN - Willow Grove to Mermaid	09 RAL 95 RES	340	\$32,300	1700	\$5,525	E		\$37,825	\$37,825	
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		5,850	\$555,750	36,525	\$118,706		\$33,319	\$674,456.25	\$641,137.25	

# **Appendix II – Authorized Official Resolution**

Be it RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP (Name of Applicant) of MONTGOMERY CO. (Name of County) hereby request a Flood Mitigation Program (FMP) grant of \$\_402,769 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for INTEGRITY AVENUE FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate <u>JAMES LEE, PRESIDENT</u> (Name and Title) and <u>MICHAEL TAYLOR, TWP. MANAGER</u> (Name and Title) as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the <u>TOWNSHIP OF</u> (Name of Applicant) and the Commonwealth Financing <u>SPRINGFIELD</u> Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF I, <u>MICHAEL TAYLOR</u>, duly qualified Secretary of the <u>TOWNSHIP</u> (Name of Applicant), <u>COMMISSIONERS</u> (Name of County) <u>MONTGOMERY CO.</u>, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the <u>BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</u> (Governing Body) at a regular meeting held <u>APRIL 12</u>, (Date) and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the <u>SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP</u> (Applicant) and remains in effect as of this date.

SPRINGFIELD IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the <u>TOWNSHIP</u> (Applicant), this <u>12</u> day of <u>APRIL</u>, 20\_23\_.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Name of Applicant

MONTGOMERY

County

Secretary

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1603**

#### A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 29, 2023 AS ARBOR DAY IN SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, in 1972, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, known as Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, control stormwater runoff, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperatures, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us wood products, paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires; and

WHEREAS, trees increase real estate property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township traditionally proclaim the first Saturday following the nationally designated Arbor Day holiday as the day in which to celebrate Arbor Day in the Township as a means to promote greater participation by the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, PA, does hereby proclaim Saturday, April 29, 2023, as Arbor Day in Springfield Township, and urges all citizens 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.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2023.

#### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

By:

James M. Lee, President

ATTEST:

A. Michael Taylor, Secretary



# 2023 SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION TREE RAFFLE!

# 10AM - 12PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2023

Springfield Twp. Municipal Complex 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038

Households interested in entering for a chance for a free tree must register in advance starting at 9am on 4/14/23. <u>Winners will be selected at random</u> at 4pm on 4/21/23.

Sign up online by visiting www.springfieldmontco.org or in person at the Springfield Township Administration Building.

\*This event is rain or shine



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# Ward 7 Commissioner Vacancy

Apply to Serve as Interim Commissioner for Ward 7

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MAR 9, 2023 GENERAL NEWS 😒

The Springfield Township Board of Commissioners have announced a vacancy as Township Commissioner for Ward 7 and welcomes qualified individuals who are interested in serving as the Township Commissioner for Ward 7 to submit a letter of interest and resume **no later than April 7, 2023.** 

On March 6, 2023, the Board of Commissioners received an e-mail from Eddie T. Graham, announcing that he has resigned his position as Ward 7 Commissioner, effective immediately. In accordance with Section 530 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, a resignation shall not be created until the date that a resignation is formally accepted by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting. The Board of Commissioners must accept

# PA FIRST CLASS TWP CODE

#### ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS; VACANCIES IN OFFICE

(a) General Provisions

Compiler's Note: Act 54 of 2017 added 53 Pa.C.S. § 1142, which provides that "active military duty" shall not disqualify a person from fulfilling residency requirements for municipal elective office and that one who is a resident of a municipality for at least one year immediately prior to the person's absence due to active military duty shall be deemed to be an ongoing resident of the municipality for purposes of any residency requirement of office unless and until the person demonstrates an intent to establish a new domicile outside the municipality.

Section 501. Eligibility.--(a) Only a registered elector of a township may be eligible to an elective office in the township. Before being sworn into office, each elected township officer, or, except as provided under section 530, each appointed township officer in case of a vacancy in an elective office, shall present a signed affidavit to the township secretary stating that the officer resides in the township, or within the ward in the case of a ward office, from which elected or appointed and has resided in the township or ward continuously for at least one year immediately prior to the officer's election or appointment. In the case of a newly created ward in existence for less than one year at the time of a township officer's election or appointment, the affidavit shall state that the officer has resided within the township continuously for at least one year immediately prior to the officer's election or appointment and within the ward from the date of the ward's creation continuously until the officer's election or appointment.

(b) If an individual elected to office, or appointed to an elective office, fails to give the required bond, take the required oath or provide a signed affidavit, a vacancy is created in the office for which the individual was elected or appointed and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in section 530.

(c) No individual may hold more than one elective township office at the same time.

(501 amended Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Section 502. Term of Office.--Except if a vacancy in office occurs pursuant to section 530, officers shall hold office for the term for which the individual was elected. Officers shall not serve longer than the first Monday of January succeeding the municipal election at which a successor was elected.

(502 amended Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Section 503. Elected Officers.--(a) The electors of each township shall elect:

(1) At least five township commissioners. The following shall apply:

(i) In townships divided into wards but having less than five wards, the number of commissioners shall be five. One commissioner shall be elected from each ward, and the remaining number of commissioners, to which the township is entitled, shall be elected at large. In townships having five or more wards, one commissioner shall be elected from each ward. Township commissioners shall be elected at municipal elections, preceding the expiration of the terms of commissioners then in office, for terms of four years each. Commissioners from odd-numbered wards shall be elected at alternate municipal elections than the municipal elections at which commissioners from even-numbered wards are elected. Elections at large shall be held at the municipal election preceding the expiration of the term of any commissioner elected at large. (ii) In townships not divided into wards, there shall be five township commissioners, who shall be elected at large by the voters of the township. At each municipal election, two or three township commissioners, as the case may be, shall be elected for terms of four years each to take the place of the commissioners whose terms then expire.

(2) One township tax collector, and the following shall apply:

(i) The township tax collector shall be elected at municipal elections every four years. An individual must be a qualified tax collector or, in the case of an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of tax collector, become a qualified tax collector, in accordance with the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law.

(ii) If no individual is elected to the position of tax collector in the municipal election, or if the position of tax collector becomes vacant, the board of commissioners may, by resolution, appoint an individual or person to collect taxes. If a person other than an individual is appointed, the person shall post bonds to the same extent as would an individual appointed to fill the vacancy and as further provided by terms and conditions as set forth by the board of commissioners. Notwithstanding the Local Tax Collection Law, if a person other than an individual is appointed as a tax collector, no individual employed by the appointed tax collector or any of the appointed tax collector's officers shall be required to be or become a qualified tax collector or to file criminal history record information.

(3) Three elected auditors, and the following shall apply:

(i) At each municipal election, one auditor shall be elected for a term of six years. No auditor shall at the same time hold any other elective or appointive office.

(ii) The board of commissioners may provide by ordinance for the appointment of an independent auditor, in lieu of providing for the election of three auditors, as provided in subparagraph (i) or one controller as provided in paragraph (4). After enactment of the ordinance, an independent auditor shall be appointed annually by resolution at least thirty days prior to the close of the fiscal year. The office of elected auditor is abolished upon the appointment of an independent auditor.

(iii) The board of commissioners shall have the right at any time to repeal the ordinance providing for the appointed independent auditor, whereupon three auditors shall be elected at the next municipal election following the repeal of the ordinance, to whom the following shall apply:

(A) One elected auditor shall serve a term of two years.

- (B) One elected auditor shall serve a term of four years.
- (C) One elected auditor shall serve a term of six years.

(D) The three elected auditors shall have all the powers and perform all the duties as provided in this act for elected auditors.

(4) One elected controller in lieu of three elected auditors, and the following shall apply:

(i) The provisions of this act relating to the controller shall not become operative or effective until the board of commissioners shall, by ordinance, accept the provisions of this act relating to the office of controller.

(ii) When a township has provided by ordinance for the office of an elected controller, the board of commissioners shall petition the court of common pleas to appoint a controller to hold office until the first Monday of January next succeeding the next municipal election when a controller shall be elected. When a controller is appointed or elected as provided within this paragraph, the office of elected auditor is abolished. (iii) One controller, who shall be a competent accountant, shall be elected at municipal elections every four years.

(iv) The office of controller shall be continued until the ordinance is repealed, when the office of controller shall terminate. The township shall either appoint an independent auditor or, at the next municipal election following the repeal of the ordinance, provide for the election of three auditors, to whom the following shall apply:

(A) One elected auditor shall serve a term of two years.

- (B) One elected auditor shall serve a term of four years.
- (C) One elected auditor shall serve a term of six years.

(D) The three elected auditors shall have all the powers and perform all the duties as provided in this act for elected auditors.

(b) The terms of each elected officer under this section shall begin the first Monday of January next succeeding the individual's election. (503 amended Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Compiler's Note: See sections 14 and 15 of Act 188 of 2012 in the appendix to this act for special provisions relating to applicability of law and municipal officers affected by Act 188.

(b) Commissioners (Subdiv. repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Section 504. Number and Election of Commissioners in Townships Having Wards.--(504 repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96) Section 505. Number and Election of Commissioners in Townships Not Divided into Wards.--(505 repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

> (c) Tax Collector (Subdiv. repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Section 510. Election of Tax Collector.--(510 repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96) Section 511. Eligibility.--(511 repealed Oct. 24, 2012, P.L.1478, No.188)

> (d) Assessors (Subdiv. repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Section 515. Election of Township Assessor and Assistant Township Assessor.--(515 repealed Feb. 2, 2012, P.L.62, No.7)

Compiler's Note: Section 8832(d) of the Consolidated County Assessment Law (53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 88) provides that the office of local elected assessor is abolished.

> (e) Auditors (Subdiv. repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Section 520. Election of Auditors.--(520 repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

(f) Controller (Subdiv. repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Section 525. Election of Controller.--(525 repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96) Section 526. Acceptance of Controller; Provisions by Ordinance.--(526 repealed Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96) Section 530. Vacancies in General.--(a) If a vacancy occurs in the office of township commissioner, auditor, controller, or tax collector by death, resignation, removal provided in section 604, termination of residency from the township or ward in the case of a ward office, or by failure to take the required oath, give required bond or provide the affidavit required under section 501, or otherwise, the board of commissioners shall fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days by appointing by resolution a registered elector of the township or ward in the case of a ward office, in which the vacancy occurs. If a person other than an individual is appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of tax collector under section 503(a)(2)(ii), the person shall not be required to file the affidavit required under section 501. An individual appointed as a tax collector under section 4.2 or 4.4 of the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, shall not be required to file an affidavit required under section 501.

(a.1) The following shall apply:

(1) A vacancy shall not be created by a resignation until the date that the resignation is accepted by a majority vote of a quorum of the board of commissioners at a public meeting or the effective date of the tendered resignation, whichever is later. The board of commissioners must accept a resignation no later than forty-five (45) days after it has been tendered in writing to the board of commissioners, unless it is withdrawn in writing prior to acceptance.

(2) A resignation that is not accepted as provided under paragraph (1) shall be deemed accepted after forty-five (45) days.

(b) If the board of commissioners of any township shall refuse, fail, or neglect, or be unable for any reason whatsoever, to fill a vacancy within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, then the vacancy board shall fill the vacancy within fifteen (15) additional days by appointing a registered elector of the township or ward in which the vacancy occurs. The vacancy board shall consist of the board of commissioners and one registered elector of the township, who shall be appointed by the board of commissioners at the board's first meeting each calendar year or as soon thereafter as practical. The registered elector shall act as chairperson of the vacancy board and shall serve as the chairperson until the chairperson's successor is appointed.

(b.1) If the vacancy board does not fill the vacancy within fifteen (15) days, the chairperson shall, or in the case of a vacancy in the chairpersonship the remaining members of the vacancy board shall, petition the court of common pleas to fill the vacancy by appointing a registered elector of the township or ward, in which the vacancy occurs.

(b.2) If there are vacancies in a majority of the offices of commissioners, the court of common pleas shall fill the vacancies upon presentation of a petition signed by not less than fifteen (15) registered electors of the township.

(b.3) The registered elector appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold the office until the first Monday in January after the first municipal election occurring more than sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, at which election an eligible person shall be elected to the office for the remainder of the term. The appointed registered elector shall have been a resident of the township or ward continuously for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the appointment.

(530 amended Oct. 29, 2020, P.L.782, No.96)

Compiler's Note: See sections 14 and 15 of Act 188 of 2012 in the appendix to this act for special provisions relating to applicability of law and municipal officers affected by Act 188. Section 531. Auditors.--(531 repealed June 15, 1978, P.L.475, No.69) Section 532. Township Treasurer and Controller.--(532 repealed June 15, 1978, P.L.475, No.69)

Section 533. Assessors. -- (533 repealed June 15, 1978, P.L.475, No.69)

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### Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, will hold a meeting as required by the Zoning Ordinance of Springfield Township. This meeting will be held in the Boardroom of the Springfield Township Administration Building, located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038.

#### On Monday, April 24, 2023 and will start at 7:00 P.M.

**Case #23-05:** This is the application of **Ms. Christina Visco,** owner of property located at 622 E. Gravers Lane, Wyndmoor, PA 19038, known as Parcel #5200-0778-0007. The applicant has filed an Appeal to the Actions of the Zoning Officer pertaining to the violation letter sent to her and dated January 13, 2023. The violation letter is for the operation of a Professional Home Office or a No-Impact Home B0ased Business in violation of Section 114-21 and Section 114-139.2 of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant contents there is no office or business activity conducted at the property. The property is zoned within the A-Residential District of Ward #2 of Springfield Township.

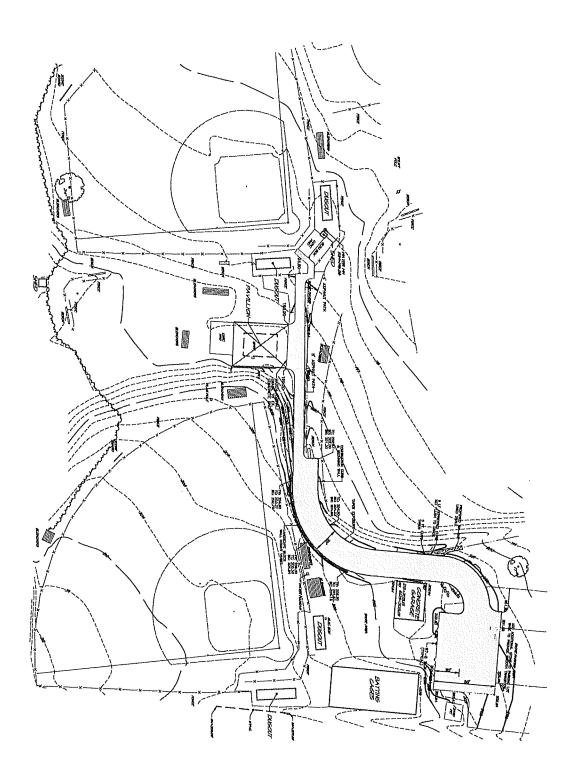
**Case #23-07:** This is the application of **Mr. Matthew Fumento**, owner of property located at 500 E. Gravers Lane, Wyndmoor, PA 19038, known as Parcel #5200-1657-0009. The applicant has requested a variance from Section 114-135.A of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks approval to install an additional 16 feet of six-foot-high fencing along his property line adjoining Stenton Avenue and E. Gravers Lane. Mr. Fumento received approval for the six-foot high fencing fronting Stenton Avenue in July of 2021. The property is zoned within the A-Residential District of Ward #2 of Springfield Township.

**Case #23-08:** This is the application of **John F. Murray Funeral Home**, owner of property located at 1220 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031 known as Parcel #5200-0179-8004 & Parcel #5200-0180-1001. The applicants have requested a variance from Section 114-94. A. of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance to allow the front yard setback from Bethlehem Pike to be reduced from 20 feet in depth to 17.14 feet. In addition, a variance has been requested to reduce the front yard setback from Jones Avenue from the existing 10.31 feet to 5.15 feet in depth. A variance from Section 114-95 of the Zoning Ordinance has been requested to eliminate the landscaped buffer required to be installed along the rear and side property lines and street trees required to be planted along the frontage of both Bethlehem Pike & Jones Avenue. The applicant has requested a variance from Section 114-134. A.8. of the Zoning Ordinance for the required on-site parking. The site is required to have 67 parking stalls and provides 13 on-site parking stalls. The applicant has requested confirmation that the use of the property as a Funeral Home is a permitted use with the B-1 Business District. The property is located within Ward #1 of Springfield Township.

**Case #23-10:** This is the application of **Noelle & Matthew Powell** owners of property located at 1203 Bergan Road, Oreland, PA 19075 known as Parcel #5200-0141-4001. The applicants have requested a variance from Section 114-52. B of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a 530 square foot deck to the rear of the home, that will increase the building coverage to 20.3% of the total lot area. The property is limited to 20% as per the requirements of Section 114-52.B of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned within the A-Residential District of Ward #4 of Springfield Township.

Copies of the application packets are available for review in the Community Development Office during normal business hours, located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038 or on our website at <u>springfieldmontco.org</u>. Any question you may have can be addressed by contacting Mr. Penecale at 215-836-7600, ext. 1114.

By Order of the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board Mark A. Penecale Director of Planning & Zoning



#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1604**

# Appendix II – Authorized Official Resolution

Be it RESOLVED, that the <u>BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP</u> (Name of Applicant) of <u>MONTGOMERY CO.</u> (Name of County) hereby request an Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of <u>56,085</u> from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for 1725 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment Project

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate <u>JAMES LEE, PRESIDENT</u> (Name and Title) and <u>MICHAEL TAYLOR, TWP. MANAGER</u> (Name and Title) as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the <u>SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP</u> (Name of Applicant) and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF I, <u>MICHAEL TAYLOR</u>, duly qualified Secretary of the <u>TOWNSHIP</u> (Name of Applicant), <u>COMMISSIONERS</u> (Name of County) <u>MONTGOMERY CO.</u>, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the <u>BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</u> (Governing Body) at a regular meeting held <u>APRIL 12, 2023</u> (Date) and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the <u>SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP</u> (Applicant) and remains in effect as of this date.

SPRINGFIELD IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the <u>TOWNSHIP</u> (Applicant),

this 12 day of APRIL, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY

County

Secretary

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1605**

#### A Resolution Supporting Public Awareness of Substance Use Disorder as a Medical Condition, and Promoting Awareness of Mental Health Challenges, and Declaring April 19, 2023, then the third Saturday in April each year thereafter, No Stigma/No Shame Day in Springfield Township.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township desires to advocate for the importance of addressing substance use disorder, and the addiction crisis, as a matter of individual and public health; and

WHEREAS, public stigma is driven by stereotypes about people with substance use disorders, such as their perceived threat or perceived moral failings, which translate into negative attitudes toward people who are affected; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing stigma surrounding substance use disorders and mental health challenges informs the way that local, state, provincial, and federal governments have responded to substance use and mental health, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township wishes to facilitate opportunities to continue the conversation about mental health and wellness in our community and erase the stigma associated with substance use and mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township desires to support engagement with residents, businesses, and others in the Springfield Township Community to end the stigma around substance use disorder and the addiction crisis by recognizing substance use disorder as a medical condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, publicly acknowledges Substance Use Disorder as a medical condition, promotes awareness of mental health, and declares April 19, 2023, then the third Saturday in April each year thereafter, No Stigma/No Shame Day in Springfield Township.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_James M. Lee, President

Attest:

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A. Michael Taylor, Secretary