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REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mmes. Sage, and Hoffman, Messrs. Kelly, Wechsler and Lanciano. Mr. Layden was absent. Also present was Messrs. Fulton and Byrne.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Wechsler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of July 14, 2020 was approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing no one, the meeting continued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

Health

Mr. Kelly reported for the month of July, the Health Officer inspected 8 restaurants and 10 retail establishments with zero citations issued. There were 3 more dog bites and he reminded dog owners that dogs must be on a leash and kept under full control at all times. Spotted lanternflies have been seen throughout the Township. He suggested residents contact the PA Department of Agriculture for additional information.

Public Works

Mr. Kelly reported the Public Works Department. Trash and recycling have continued to be collected on regularly scheduled days and yard brush pickup is every 3rd Wednesday. Mr. Kelly thanked the trash and recycling employees for following protocol that the Township and there has not been an issue with COVID-19 through the whole department as is

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currently with Upper Darby Township. In regard to the recent rainstorm, the Public Works Department is picking up all household items that were destroyed in the flooding. The paving on the overlay list is near completion. Residents can report paving/milling damage so the Township provide a list of repairs to the contractor. Due to the upcoming Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Mrs. Sage reported the pool has been closed for the past few weeks due to COVID and she is happy to announce that the pool will reopen on Wednesday, August 12th.

Pool

Mrs. Hoffman reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened on July 23, 2020 to hear and render a decision for a resident requesting a Special Exception to permit a garage height of 17.33 feet, where 12 feet is permitted at 200 S. Bishop Avenue. The Board granted approval.

Zoning Hearing

Mr. Wechsler reported for the month of July, total rounds were 5,002, bringing the year-to-date total to 15,836 rounds. Total revenue for the month of July was \$250,965.00, bringing the course year-to-date revenue to \$784,657.00. The golf course was open 31 days. The shortfall for the year is about \$50,000.00, which is quite amazing given the fact that we have not had the large outings that we had before due to the COVID restrictions.

Golf Course

Mr. Wechsler reported that as he is on the Public Safety Committee he contacted the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia this past month. Mr. Wechsler stated he read an article in the newspaper about 3 bicycle deaths in Philadelphia, which one of them being from Havertown. Mr. Wechsler contacted the Bicycle Coalition because one of their missions is to promote not only bicycle safety but pedestrian safety. Since bicycling has become an avid exercise pastime during COVID, there will be bicycling information placed in our Library and in the Township Building lobby.

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Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the monthly Parks report. The Parks crew completed the installation of a new play system and swing set in Walsh Park, new wood carpet were placed under playgrounds in several parks. New tennis nets were installed at Williams Parks and the department completed clean-up in parks from a recent storm.

Police

Mr. Rudolph reported that the fraudulent extraction of money from unsuspecting victims is a continuing issue in the Township. In the past two weeks Springfield residents have been duped out of \$44,000. He said no valid government agency, utility company, computer company or reputable business will require you to provide your bank routing or account numbers, or payment through gift cards/money orders or request to mail in cash or supply your social security numbers and birth dates. Scams should be reported to the Police.

Mr. Rudolph also cautioned residents about buying or selling goods on line and agree to meet possible buyers/sellers at their homes or remote locations. He said there is a pre-selected exchange location clearly marked and under video surveillance in the parking lot outside of the police station.

Fire

Mr. Rudolph read a list of key National Fire Protection Association's fire safety tips. Many homes fires are preventable. August 2020 is Fire Safety month.

Rain Storm-Flooding

Mr. Rudolph thanked the first responders, the Township's public works and code departments, as well as other employees that stepped up in a big way during a recent storm where the Township received 8 inches of rain in only a few hours. This amount of rain is the largest recorded in Springfield history.

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mrs. Sage moved that all bills approved for payment by the appropriate chairperson be paid. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mr. Wechsler authorized the approval of the Township's 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. The Police Pension Plan has been budgeted \$1,704,839. The Non-Uniformed Pension Plan has been budgeted at \$118,035 and \$108,500 for the Defined Contribution Plan. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION

Mr. Lanciano moved to authorize for receipt of bids for Meadowgreen Park Rehabilitation to be received by September 4, 2020 by 10:00 a.m. pending DCNR approval for compliance with grant requirements. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Kelly moved for the appointment of James Birkhead, 213 Brock Road, as Springfield Township's representative on the Central Delaware County Sewer Authority. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

Central Delaware County Sewer Authority

Mr. Wechsler moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ADJOURNMENT (8:22 P.M.)