

APRIL 10, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Rudolph, Kelly, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Dr. Janiczek was absent. Also present were Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Warner and Dan McCusker, Esq.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Pamela McShane of the Tree of Life Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Kelly read a Proclamation establishing May 1, 2018 as "Loyalty Day" in Springfield Township. The Loyalty Day Program is scheduled to be held at the Township Building On Saturday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Sage presented the General Federation of Women's Club of Springfield a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition and honor for 100 years of community service. Mrs. Sage added that unfortunately this club is ending. Several members of the club came forward to accept the certificate.

HUNTER-LONG
AWARD

Mr. Steve Burns thanked the Board of Commissioners and all of the Township departments for the support given every year at the St. Patrick's Day parade. Mr. Art Hunter presented the Hunter-Long Award "2018 Best Performance in the Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade" to the Cavan Society. Miss Kelly Farrell, President of the Cavan Society, came forward to accept the award. She stated it's a true honor to receive this award and honor to participate in the Springfield parade each and every year.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of March 13, 2018 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing none, the meeting continued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly announced that the zoning hearing application of Christine Triggiani has been withdrawn by the applicant. The zoning hearing application of VMDT Partnership (Piazza Honda) has been continued at the request of the applicant. The March 22nd zoning hearing was postponed due to weather. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on April 26th to hear three applications; two residential and one commercial.

Zoning

Mrs. Sage reported for the month of March, the Health Officer inspected 9 restaurants, 6 retail establishments, and performed 2 reinspections. There were 3 animal nuisance issues and 1 cat and two dog bites. Mrs. Sage announced the Darby Creek Valley Watershed Association will be holding a stream clean-up on Saturday, April 14th. The Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association's streams clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st.

Health/Environmental

Mr. Lanciano reported both pool box office and snack shop remodels are 90% completed. Pool applications are available on the Township and pool websites and at the Township Building during normal business hours. All pool members will be issued a new ID card. ID pictures will begin in May at the pool box office.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano reported the Ice Rink will close for the season on Sunday, April 15th. The Ice Rink had a great season surpassing all estimated revenue for the year. This summer the 22 year old chiller and condenser will be replaced.

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Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported for the month of March, the parks crew has completed all storm clean-up and snow removal responsibilities during recent storms. They are preparing the baseball infields for the upcoming season and lined the lacrosse fields at Church Road and Memorial Parks.

Planning

Mr. Wechsler reported that at the April 5th Planning Commission meeting a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that addresses the use of mixed-use properties, specifically, active adult villages and the attended uses (which includes a possible medical facility and some retail space) was reviewed. A recommendation was not rendered at that time.

Public Works

Mr. Layden reported the Highway Department is in the processing of inspecting all township streets for the 2018 overlay season.

Recycling

Mr. Layden reported for March, total trash collected was 788 tons. Paper recycling was 763.4 tons, single stream commingled was 64.8 tons, yard waste was 4.85 tons and bulk pick-ups 21.58 tons. He read the golf course monthly maintenance report.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of March was 628 bringing the year-to-date total to 1,504 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$30,662, bringing the year-to-date total to \$64,969. The golf course was only opened 8 days. There was 9 days of rain with a total rainfall of 4.74", 7 days of snow with a total of 20.5".

Street Lights

Mr. Rudolph reported since the recent nor'easters, the Township is experiencing an unusual amount of non-functioning street lights. Several areas have multiple lights out while some streets have one or two not working. The cause for this unusual amount of outages is due to the PECO electric power line to the light being affected by the storm.

He asked residents assist in resolving this issue by checking on the status of their local street light. If the street lighting is not working he requested they call or email the Township. PECO will make every effort to have all of our street lights functioning as soon as they restore power.

Mr. Rudolph announced the passing of Robert Hick who was the founding member of our Shade Tree Commission serving 44 years.

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

Mr. Chris McKenna, 421 Maddock Road, stated that at the last two meetings he has appeared before the Board requesting that they consider a Resolution denouncing gerrymandering and calling for the state to create an independent commission to set congressional and state level districts. At the March meeting, Mr. McKenna stated that Mr. Byrne recommended that the Board do not address the issue pending the outcome of the various courts cases regarding the PA districts. He noted on March 19th both the Supreme Court of the United States and the Federal District Court in Harrisburg refuse to consider the petitioners request to block the new congressional districts and this affectively ended both court cases with no advice given. This removes the obstacles stated by Mr. Byrne from considering this resolution. Mr. McKenna stated he hopes the Board would now consider the resolution and join the over 200 plus other communities in our state representing over 50% of the state's population in calling for a change in the State's constitution to create an independent commission and to set up our congressional and state level districts. Tomorrow Delaware County Council will be considering the same resolution. So I am asking you as a Board now willing to consider this resolution. Mr. Rudolph turned over the question to Solicitor Dan McCusker to reply. Mr. McCusker stated that there are

Robert Hick

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several appeals still outstanding so we are not in a position at this point and time to advise the Board to consider the resolution that you are suggesting at this time. Mr. McKenna pointed out there is a timing issue. The effective date to pass a constitutional amendment will have to be by the end of this July. By not acting now on this decision you are making a decision not to accept what is the status quo and continue with the current process.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:31 p.m.)

Mr. Lanciano moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded Mr. Wechsler and carried.