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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, April 9, 2019 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 Messrs. Fulton and Byrne, and Mrs. Warner.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor Wylie Johnson of the Springfield Baptist Church and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

The Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m. this evening to hear a Conditional Use Application of Olde Sproul Shopping Center seeking approval to permit the use of the premises for restaurants and out-dooring seating. The applicant proposes to redevelop the former Office Depot space, 1140 Baltimore Pike, by relocating the existing Outback Restaurant and constructing a new Mission BBQ restaurant. A court reporter was present to take verbatim testimony. The hearing will reconvene after the conclusion of the Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Layden presented an Outstanding Citizen Award to Pastor Wylie Johnson of the Springfield Baptist Church. Pastor Johnson is retiring from the church at the end of the month and moving to Jim Thorpe. Mr. Layden said whether from the pulpit, volunteer service to the community or on the battlefield, Reverend Johnson has devoted his life to serve God. His commitment to his faith and fellowman is exemplary and deserving in recognition of this entire community. Police Chief Daly presented Pastor Johnson with a Chaplain service badge in recognition of serving as Police Chaplain for ten years. Pastor Johnson thanked the Board then said that he and his wife are moving, but Springfield will remain their hometown.

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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 "2019 Best Performance in the Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade" to Carmela's Dance Studio.

HUNTER-LONG
AWARD

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of March 12, 2019 were approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly reported there were no Zoning hearings in March and there are no hearings scheduled for April.

Zoning

Mrs. Sage announced the 5th Annual "Celebrating Prevention" Community Day will be held in Rose Tree Park on Saturday, April 20 from 11 am – 2 pm. Music and food help make it a fun way to gain valuable information on health issues.

Health

Mrs. Sage also announced the first Household Hazardous Waste collection for 2019 is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th from 9 am – 3 pm. at the Emergency Services Training Center on Calcon Hook Road in Sharon Hill.

Mr. Lanciano said the Springfield Township Ice Skating Rink will close for the 2018-19 season on Sunday, April 14th.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department has prepared the baseball and lacrosse fields for the upcoming season. New lacrosse nets were installed at Church Road Park. The nets were supplied by the Springfield A.A. The Township has applied for two grants for the rehabilitation of Meadowgreen Park and the Springfield Trail.

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Pool

Mr. Lanciano reported the pool's bathhouse, box office and snack shop are being prepared for the 2019 pool season. Service and repairs to all three pools will begin next week. Minor repairs are being made to the diving board and playground equipment. The pool's front entrance has been relocated for safety purposes and offers more space for members inside the pool gates.

Planning

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission had nothing on the agenda for April. In March, the Planning Commission reviewed the Conditional Use for Outback's relocation. The Board of Commissioners will continue the hearing after the Board's regular meeting is concluded.

Public Works

Mr. Layden reported the Public Works Department will be hiring ten college students for summer employment. The Township received a state recycling performance grant which will provide funds to purchase additional recycling bins, buckets and lids. If you are in need of a new container, please feel free to pick one up at the township garage or township building.

The highway department is replacing a damaged storm pipe on the 200 block of Ballymore Road. The department is preparing for the overlay program as well as inspecting streets, street name signs and stop signs throughout the township. Due to the upcoming Good Friday holiday, April 19th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Recycling

Mr. Layden reported for the month of March, total trash collected was 725.43 tons. Paper recycling was 90.86 tons, single stream commingled was 72.8 tons, bulk pick-ups 38.26 tons.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported for the month of March, total rounds were 1,361 bringing the year to date total to 1,996 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$53,268, bringing the year to date revenue total to \$83,217. The course was open 20 out of 31 days in March. Renovations to the 9th

green and sand trap renovations are completed. Final grading for 3rd hole fill project has been completed. The site will be hydro-seeded and sodded.

Mr. Rudolph told residents that when doing yard work or enjoying time in the backyard to please lock the front of your home. Criminals drive through the communities in search of such conditions and enter the residence to steal. During the spring and summer months, bikes left unattended and unlocked are targeted for theft. Con-artists offering all kinds of exterior repairs and outdoor services arrive uninvited and offer these services at bargain prices, then the project becomes more extensive and expensive once hired. One of the reason's biggest scams is driveway sealing. Con-artists spray motor oil or other substandard products on the driveway that washes away at the first rain.

Mr. Rudolph reminded residents to install smoke detectors on every level of your home including bathrooms. test smoke alarms monthly.

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

Mr. Wechsler read a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 120 by adding Article VI, entitled "Dumpsters and Open-Top Containers." The proposed text sets regulation for placing a dumpster on a public street within the Township. A permit will be required with a 15 day time period and a new permit will be required for an extension past the initial 15 day period. Reflectors or some other type of fluorescent material must be placed on all four sides of the container placed in a public street. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Kelly summarized a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 111, "Sewers" by the addition of Article V, "Retaining Tanks." The purpose of this new section is to establish

Police

Fire

BILLS SUBMITTED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Dumpsters & Open-Top
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procedures for the use and maintenance of existing and new retaining tanks designed to received and retain sewage, whether from residential or commercial uses. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #5-19
Revised DEP Sewage
Facilities Plan

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #5-19 adopting and submitting to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for its approval of a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan." The Estates of Coventry Woods' land development proposes that the subdivision be served by sewer tap-ins and sewer extension. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #6-19
GTRP Grant

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #6-19 authorizing the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between Springfield Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) to be used for the redevelopment of Meadowgreen Park. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #7-19
Multi-Purpose Park
Grant

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #7-19 authorizing the proper official to execute the grant agreement between the Township and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The purpose of the grant application will be in assisting in a multi-purpose park project. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Kelly moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining escrow funds (\$7,460.54) for Chipotle, 801 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)

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