

AUGUST 13, 2019

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 13, 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 Robert Novak of Life Christian Fellowship and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN
COMMEDATION

Chief Daly presented a Citizen Commendation to Marie Anne Finley for observing criminal activity in her neighborhood at 1:40 a.m. on June 25th. She watched the individual open car doors of unlocked cars. By the light of the vehicle she got a description of the clothing and the person. Mrs. Finley called 911 and police were able to locate the suspect a block away from the scene and was able to arrest the perpetrator. Mrs. Finley was presented with a plaque recognizing her outstanding community support.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of July 13, 2019 were 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 Committee Reports.

Zoning

Mr. Kelly reported on July 25th the Zoning Hearing Board convened to hear and render decisions. The application of Robert & David Miller was continued from the July meeting to September 26th. The Board approved the three applications that were heard. The Springfield School District's sign variance application was approved. Two residential applications for dimensional variances were approved.

Mrs. Sage reported for the month of July, there were 1 noise complaint, 2 sanitation complaints, 1 dog bite incident and 2 animal nuisance complaints with dogs running loose. She reminded residents that dogs must be on a leash when outside and not in a fenced in yard. Mrs. Sage reported as a direct result of tons of recycling generated by Township residents and businesses in 2018, Springfield was awarded \$133,416.00 from the DEP Recycling Grant.

Health

Mr. Lanciano read the Athletic Field summary report for the month of July. The crew groomed and lined all playing fields. Irrigation repairs were made to Memorial, New Netherwood and Church Road Parks. The crew also began to prepared the fields for soccer, football and hockey and they continue with turf grass management programs and daily field maintenance.

Athletic Fields

Mr. Lanciano read the monthly Parks report. The parks crew installed a new playground system in Jane Lownes Park. The Parks Department crew spent most of their time on grass cutting in all parks and township-owned properties, and clean-up from the recent severe storms.

Parks

Mr. Wechsler announced the final program of Summer Quest will be held in Bornman Hall on Friday, August 16th. The magic of Ran 'D Shine will be appearing at the special event. The program is recommended for ages 5 and up. Recognition was given to the entire Library staff for their dedicated work. The Library hosted 8 weeks of Summer Quest programs and "Science in the Summer."

Library

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission met on August 1 and reviewed three applications. The proposed zoning amendment adding "Public School Bus Operations Facility" as an allowed permitted use. The School District has been looking at a property in Springfield that would be used to house and store public school buses. He said there was supposed to be a public hearing tonight on this

Planning

amendment, but the parties at the last minute decided to continue the hearing since they are still working out an agreement. The Planning Commission had some recommendations on language that may be added to the amendment. The Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Commissioners approval for a Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Corado Napalotano, 481-487 Beatty Road, contingent upon the applicant complying with the comments of the Township Engineer's letter. Also, the Commission recommended approval for a Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Mary Hinz, 23 Meadow Lane. However, the Delaware County Tax Assessment office identified the property as being located in Swarthmore Borough. It was recommended that final approval should be deferred to Swarthmore Borough. The applicant should comply with the Springfield Township's engineer's letter dated July 31, 2019.

New Police Facility

Mr. Wechsler stated as an update to his report regarding the proposed new police facility, the architect is putting together a request for proposals which would pinpoint the cost and if it would be feasible in the framework of the Public Safety Grant and the use of the Township's capital expenditures funds determine over two budget periods.

Public Works

Mr. Layden reported during the month of July the Highway Department is painting all crosswalks, turn arrows and stop lines on state highways and township streets. Thanks to the help of our college hires, the Public Works Department was able to complete special projects along with the Parks Department and Golf Course Department. Mr. Layden announced due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2nd trash and recycling will not be collected.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported for the month of July, total rounds were 3,966 bringing the year to date total to 18,031 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$185,841 bringing the year to date revenue total to \$862,218. This is a positive variance of \$185,841 on a seven year moving average. The

golf shop revenue for the month of July was \$14,010, bringing the golf shop's year-to-date total sales \$64,657. The golf course was opened 30 days and closed one. Mr. Layden read the monthly maintenance report. Due to the extreme hot weather, much of the time has been spend hand watering dry spots, managing turf diseases and venting greens.

Mr. Rudolph announced that this evening's public hearing scheduled at 7:30 p.m. to review a Zoning Amendment for public school bus operations was continued to September.

Mr. Rudolph announced the Township will be holding a concert tomorrow evening by the Stonethrowers. They are a blue grass band and will play in the amphitheater beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Rudolph announced Dining on Saxer is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st starting a 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Rudolph stated that National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 6th. It was sponsored by the police department and was well attended.

Mr. Rudolph reminded residents that Springfield maintains a free prescription drug disposal box in the lobby of the Township Building. Properly disposing of drugs eliminates the possibility of them being abused and protects our water supply from contamination. Do not flush drugs down the toilet since it ultimately ends up in our drinking water.

Mr. Rudolph stated school will be opening on Tuesday, September 2nd and he reminded motorists to be cognizant of children walking to school in the morning and returning home in the afternoon. Motorists should follow the instructions of school crossing guards, reduce speeds in compliance with flashing school zone and strictly obey the warning devices on the school buses.

Public Hearing
Continued to 9/10/19

Concert in the Park

Dining on Saxer

National Night Out

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Ambulance

Mr. Rudolph stated with summer in full swing and daytime temperatures reaching well into the 90s, he reminded the public to stay hydrated when spending time outdoors and also take frequent breaks during strenuous activity. Yard care should be done during the early morning and late evening hours when the sun and temperatures are at a minimum.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph said the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. The lint that has collected around the drum should also be removed.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

RESOLUTION #15-19
Delaware County
Open Space Grant

Mr. Kelly moved for the approval of Resolution #15-19 authorizing the Township Manager to make application to the Delaware County Open Space and Recreation Municipal Grant Program to help fund 4th Ward Open Space. The Township will have available \$550,000 for its required match to complete this project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL
SUBDIVISION

Mr. Lanciano moved to approved the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan of Corrado Napoletano, 481-487 Beatty Road, contingent upon the applicant complying with the comments of the Township Engineer's letter dated July 31, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler.

Mr. Kelly asked the Solicitor for a point of clarification. He asked Mr. Byrne if the two agenda items before them required a hearing? The underlying matter is would there have been any opportunity to have been provided information on the projects being voting on. Mr. Byrne replied obviously you receive reports from the Planning Commission's meeting minutes. In these types of matters with subdivisions and land developments, they are always reviewed by not only by the Planning Commission but also by the Township staff. Both

plans have been reviewed and there is nothing out of the ordinary with the applications. If there was something that came out that was against our ordinances or that required a variance then we would have public hearings and there would be notices mailed to residents. In these type of subdivisions and land developments applications, as long as they meet the ordinances, they just have to go through the process. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sage moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Mary Hinz, 23 Meadow Lane. The properties are partially located within Springfield Township since the Delaware County Tax Assessment Office identified the properties within Swarthmore Borough. The applicant has to comply with the comments of the Township Engineer's letter, dated July 31, 2019, and Final Plan approval is deferred to Swarthmore Borough. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

Mr. Scott Brady, 79 Nield Road, asked in regard to the proposed construction of an assisted living care facility on N. State Road near Rolling Road if there will be testing done on the water run-off in that area. He noted about the flooding on Rolling Road from last Wednesday's rainstorm. He request that the flooding issue be looked into. He asked about the signage around the school zone at the high school. He noticed the highlighted yellow signs and said it will help and suggested a speed trap on opening day for the school.

Mr. Ron Benedict, 296 N Bishop, raised his concerns about where the school bus property will be located and if there would be a change of zoning from residential to commercial. Mr. Byrne responded by saying that there was a hearing scheduled tonight on our zoning ordinance and not on the Zoning Map. The hearing has been rescheduled to the Board of Commissioners' September 10th meeting. He said there is not going to be any changes to the Zoning Map. The amendment is to allow the busses to be parked in an area that

Preliminary/Final
Subdivision Plan

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was formally zoned residential, but has been used only for industrial purposes. The industrial purposes have been present for a long time and that area has not been used for residential purposes for any period of time. The area we are talking about would have a gross area of two acres and will be located on property highway that has frontage on an arterial highway. The property you are referring to, Holy Cross, would not be qualified for that. The property where the School District is interested in is the property that is near Reed Road off Eagle Road. It has previously been used as an asphalt plant.

Mr. Wechsler noted that the objective of the School District is to get a place that was unobtrusive to the adjoining neighborhood. With the busses going offsite they will be able to have sufficient parking for students that currently park on Leamy Avenue, Orchard Road and Lownes Lane. This will get those cars off the neighborhood streets and onto the campus parking lot which will create a much safer environment for the neighborhood.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)