

AUGUST 12, 2014

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 12, 2014 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Rudolph, Janiczek, Culp, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Fulton and Byrne, as well as Mrs. Warner.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Kinzel of the Blue Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of July 1 & 8, 2014 were approved as transcribed. 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 none, the meeting continued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Parks

Mr. Culp read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of July. The Parks Department placed new wood carpet under the playground equipment in Williams, Pennsdale, Wildwood, Maple and Netherwood Parks, cleaned up trees damaged from recent storms in Wildwood, Indian Rock, Lehigh and Church Road Parks. New dugouts were installed at the softball field at Penndale Park. New football goal posts were installed at Crowell and Church Road Parks.

Golf Course

Mr. Culp reported that during the month of July 2014, total rounds were 4,230, bringing the year-to-date total to 15,528 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$177,928.00, bringing the year-to-date total to \$681,857.00. Mr. Culp then read the golf course weather and maintenance reports for the month of July.

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission met in July to review three items:

1. Proposed ordinance for ornamental street lighting and signs that would modify the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance. A contractor/developer will have to provide one additional street light and street sign for every five proposed. The Planning Commission recommended approval.
2. Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for the Springfield Marriot Hotel Spa, adjacent to the Taylor-Evans House. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition that it is in compliance with the Township Engineer's comments.
3. Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Conicelli Toyota to modify several of their buildings. Presentation was incomplete so no motion was made by the Planning Commission.

Dr. Janiczek reported another successful Summer Reading Club will be completed on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Youth programs will resume on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. College planning sessions will be presented at the Library on August 20<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>. As part of an Eagle Scout project, Peter Caceci of Scout Troop 512 spent many hours planning and planting a garden in front of the Library. Philadelphia Union raffle tickets are on sale at the Library through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets were donated by Delaware County Council with proceeds to benefit the Library Foundation of Delaware County.

Dr. Janiczek reported during the month of July 2014, 96 tons of recycled paper was collected, 92 tons of com-mingled was collected and refuse collected was 1,063 tons. To date, the Township has received \$467.26 for recycled oil. Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, trash and recycling will not be collected.

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Ice Rink

Mr. Layden reported the Springfield Ice Rink will open this year on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for hockey, skating lessons, ice rentals and parties. Public skating will begin on Friday evening, October 17<sup>th</sup>. New this season will be a snack bar, seating area and game room.

Fire

Mr. Rudolph read a list of fire safety tips for college students living away from home in college dorms or apartments to make sure they are living in a fire safe environment.

National Night Out

Mr. Rudolph stated that Springfield Township's National Night Out held last Tuesday evening was a huge success with one of our biggest crowds enjoying the festivities.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

TREASURER'S  
REPORT

On motion of Mr. Layden, seconded by Dr. Janiczek, the Treasurer's Report for July 2014 was accepted and ordered filed.

BIDS REJECTED  
SCC Pool

Mr. Layden reported the Township received four bids for the new Springfield Country Club Pool, all of which exceeded the budgeted amount. He moved to reject the bids that were submitted. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

REBID – SCC Pool

Mr. Layden moved to rebid the SCC Pool project with revised specifications which will be available on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and to be received by 10:00 a.m. on September 5, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

AUTHORIZE SALE  
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Mr. Lanciano moved to approve the sale of Township vehicles and equipment sold through the Municibid website to public entities. Sales totaled approximately \$64,000.00. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT  
MARRIOTT SPA

Mr. Culp moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Springfield Marriott Hotel Spa, subject to the conditions of the approval letter of the Springfield Planning Commission letter dated August 12, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Layden.

Mr. Culp requested Mr. Byrne to provide further description of this project. Mr. Byrne introduced Banquet Facility Manager, Nancy Steinmetz and Chris Dinoulois representing Bohler Engineering. Mr. Byrne stated that the proposed use of a spa is permitted in the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND-6). Mr. Byrne presented background information on the Country Club Complex. The plan calls for the demolition of two deteriorating garage structures and replaced by a new building of a 13,750 sq. ft. The new building will consist of a lower floor for storage, a spa which will be operated by Joseph Anthony on the main floor and the top floor will contain bridal suites in conjunction with the weddings held at the Country Club. The Country Club Superintendent has moved his office out of the garage into the historic Taylor-Evans House.

Mr. Dinoulois displayed a rendering of the proposed project and gave an overview of the plans. Mr. Byrne asked several questions concerning the building's elevation, storm water management and parking. The new building will aesthetically look like the Country Club.

Mr. Byrne questioned Ms. Steinmetz to what type of people will be coming in to use the facility? Ms. Steinmetz replied that the spa will be open to the public, but used mainly by brides and their bridal parties.

Mr. Lanciano stated he just wanted to make sure there was a presentation this evening since there were a couple of residents from his ward that did not have the opportunity to see the project at the Planning Commission meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Janiczek suggested opening the floor to comments.

Dolores McCabe, 544 Vernon Road, stated she lives behind the Country Club and that neither she nor her neighbors received notification of the Planning Commission meeting held on July 31, 2014 reviewing the spa plan. She asked what the height of the building. Mr. Byrne replied the building will not be any higher than the Taylor–Evans House. Mrs. McCabe noted after seeing the plans she had no objection to the project.

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, asked who will be paying for the new building? Mr. Byrne said there will be no cost to the taxpayers. There will be an agreement, similar to the one with Marriott, with Blue Hen Development, L.P., with the Township receiving revenue from the land lease agreement. Construction costs will also be paid by Blue Hen Development. The Township will also benefit from other tax revenue generated by new business.

Mr. Byrne stated there is a motion and second on the floor. Mr. Rudolph called for a vote. The Preliminary/Final Land Development of Marriot Hotel Spa was passed by the Board unanimously.

RELEASE OF  
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Wechsler moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining escrow funds (\$18,620.06) for Beneficial Bank. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:32 p.m.)

Dr. Janiczek moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.