

AUGUST 13, 2013

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, 2013 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mrs. Sage, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the Springfield Fire Company, Fire Chief Robert Woolson presented a plaque to Ed Williams in recognition of his heroic efforts in alerting Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly and their grandson to a fire in the attic space of their West Rolling Road home on Wednesday, June 12 at approximately 4:45 a.m. While driving on W. Rolling Road, Mr. Williams noticed an unusual amount of smoke on the roof of the home. Mr. Williams stopped and began banging on the door, yelling and ringing the doorbell. He had also flagged down another passerby to call 911. The Kelly and Williams families were invited to come forward during the presentation.

Mr. Rudolph said that when the homeowners were interviewed, it was determined that an unknown person had knocked on the home's front door and awakened them. A few weeks later the Township Manager and Fire Chief were contacted by Mr. Williams's sister, Diane Heller. She told the story of her brother, Edward Williams, who is deaf, was returning from dropping his son off at Merion Golf Course. While driving on W. Rolling Road, Mr. Williams noticed smoke coming from the attic space of the home, he rushed to the house and began banging on the front door and ringing the doorbell. Originally, there was no response from the homeowner. As the fire was obviously beginning to intensify, he continued to pound on the door until the family inside

was finally awakened. After the Springfield Police and Fire Company arrived he believed his work was done and left the area.

Through an interpreter for the deaf, Mr. Williams thanked the Commissioners, Lee Fulton and Bunk Woolson for the recognition and recounted the events of the day. He also thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to help and said, "We need to help people no matter what. Everything is replaceable, but lives are not."

Mr. Rudolph stated it was a wonderful opportunity to honor a true hero. He also acknowledged the members of the Springfield Company who are always ready for service and sacrifice each and every day. More than three dozen firefighters attended the meeting to recognize Mr. Williams.

On motion of Mr. Layden, the minutes of July 9, 2013 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Culp reported the last day for the summer reading program will be on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The library hosted a large number of children and their parents as they observed this year's theme: "Dig Into Reading". Youth programs for the Fall begin on Monday, September 9.

Mrs. Sage announced the Planning Commission will meet on September 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be reviewing a subdivision plan for 501 Yale Avenue and a Conditional Use Application for AT& T/Covenant Methodist Church.

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board does not meet during the month of August. Hearings regarding off-premises billboard applications have been continued until their September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

National Night Out

Mr. Wechsler stated he wanted to let the people of Springfield know what a great event National Night Out was this year with possibly thousands of people attending. He thanked the police department and especially, patrolman Patrick McKenna, for organizing this event.

Ambulance Corps.

Mr. Wechsler stated that last week the Township sadly lost the President of our Ambulance Corps. He offered the Board's condolences to the family of Jerry Gillen and recognized the outstanding work he did. He had answered personally over 4,300 ambulance calls.

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek reported year-to-date payment received from FCC Environmental for recycled oil is \$313.90. As the Township received \$60 per ton for recycled paper, revenue for the month was \$5,640.00. Total tons of commingled amounted to 62.77 tons, which brought in \$640.89 in revenue. He added that during the month of July, the Township paid \$32,501.70 for dumping of 984.9 tons of refuse.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported that during the month of July, total rounds were 1,494, bringing the year-to-date total to 16,438 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$56,259.00, bringing the year-to-date total to \$628,671.00.

During the month of July, the course was opened 13 days, closed 18 days, 12 days with 90 plus degrees and two days over 100°, 10 days of rain totaling 4.35". The golf course was temporarily closed while the fairways and tees were converted over to Bermuda Latitude 36 grass. The 18<sup>th</sup> cart path was widened and new gardens were created surrounding the clubhouse and 18<sup>th</sup> green.

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of July. The Parks crew completed weekly baseball field maintenance for the season. They removed the temporary outfield fences from Netherwood, Walsh and Jane Lownes Parks. Shrubs and hedges were trimmed at the Township Building, Library and several parks.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported year-to-date pool revenue total is \$248,607.95. He congratulated the league champions of the Springfield Country Club Pool for winning their 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive championship.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano announced the Ice Skating Rink will open the 2013-14 season on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, with public skating beginning on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Applications for employment at the Ice Rink are available at the Township Building.

Ice Rink

Mr. Rudolph stated that in less than a month, schools will be in session. Due to an increase of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, he reminded drivers to use caution within school zones. Police will be monitoring school zones.

Police

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

**BILLS SUBMITTED**

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Dr. Janiczek, the Treasurer's Report for July 2013 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Culp read a proposed ordinance creating a "No Parking" zone on the north side of Wayne Avenue, extending 15 feet in an eastwardly direction from N. Brookside Road. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

No Parking Zone

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RESOLUTION #15-13  
Non-Uniform Pension  
Investment Policy

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #15-13 accepting the amended and restated Non-Uniform Pension Plan Investment Policy. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #16-13  
Sale of Surplus  
Equipment

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #16-13 authorizing the disposal of surplus vehicles/equipment to be offered for sale on MunicBid to the highest bidder. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT  
Patient First

Mr. Byrne stated at last month's meeting Mark Damico, Esq., representing The Wright Group, gave a presentation on a land development plan for Patient First, 417 Baltimore Pike. Since that time Mr. Byrne noted he had a couple of questions he wanted to ask Mr. Damico.

Mr. Byrne asked if the applicant will comply with the conditions set forth in the Township Engineer's correspondence. Mr. Damico replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Byrne indicated that the applicant was not able to obtain an easement agreement with the owners of Stoney Creek Shopping Center for an access road at the rear of their property leading out onto Andrews Road.

Mr. Byrne raised a concern about a left turn movement out of the property. He noted since the last meeting the applicant has provided the Board with a Gap Study. The study indicates that there are sufficient gaps in traffic to make safe left-hand turn movements from the site onto Baltimore Pike. Mr. Damico added that the Gap Study was accepted by PennDOT and they have issued a Highway Occupancy Permit.

Mr. Byrne opened the floor for public comment.

Matt Kelly, representing owners of the Stoney Creek Shopping Center which is adjacent to the applicant's property, stated at last month's meeting it was mentioned that the

applicant tried to gain access to the red light on Andrew Road. He stated the owners of Stoney Creek Shopping Center last communication with the applicant was back in January of 2013. Stoney Creek property owners would like to see the Patient First building placed further back on the lot which would then be more in line with their shopping center. Traffic would be able to go from the shopping center to the Patient First using a back service drive, which will also allow to have access onto Andrew Road. He added that they look forward to having conversation with the applicant.

Mr. Byrne stated the Board will have to make a decision on this application this evening, unless Mr. Damico approves an extension of time. Mr. Byrne noted that the Board encourages the applicant and the owners of Stoney Creek Shopping Center continue to talk about an easement agreement and if there is some change that needs to be made to the plan then that could be accomplished at a later time.

Mrs. Sage moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of Patient First, 417 Baltimore, contingent upon meeting the comments of the Township Engineer's letter of July 9, 2013. Mr. Culp seconded the motion.

Mr. Rudolph called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Culp – aye, Mrs. Sage – aye, Mr. Wechsler – nay, Dr. Janiczek – aye, Mr. Layden – aye, Mr. Lanciano – aye, Mr. Rudolph – aye. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Mr. Layden moved to reappoint James Merkins, Jr., 146 E. Scenic Road, to another four year term on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:35 p.m.)