

AUGUST 9, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 in the Township Building.

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

The Invocation was given by Dr. Janiczek and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Chief Daly presented a Commendation of Merit to Police Sergeant David Welsh for his role in the apprehension of burglars that were involved in a series of commercial burglaries.

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of July 12, 2016 were 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.

Mr. Kelly reported on the Planning Commission's August 4th meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Rolling Green Golf Club, located at 280 S. State Road, contingent upon zoning approval, the Engineer's review letter, and, with the promise of the Club's commitment to work on the buffer issues discussed at their meeting.

Mr. Kelly reported the Library is concluding another successful Summer Reading Club on August 19th. For eight weeks they have hosted fifteen weekly programs. The fall series of programs will begin on September 6th. The Library staff participated in the National Night Out presented by the Springfield Police Department. They presented information about the library services provided year round.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PRESENTATION

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Planning

Library

Mr. Kelly announced the Library Fall Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 17th to Monday, September 19th at the Township Building.

Parks

Mrs. Sage reported the Parks Department completed all responsibilities in the preparation, daily maintenance and clean-up from the State baseball tournaments held at Netherwood Park. They also completed all park responsibilities in the preparation and clean-up of recent Township movie nights, Dining on Saxer and National Night Out. Preparation of the soccer fields has begun.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported that on July 28th, the Zoning Hearing Board convened and rendered a decision on the Zoning application by Rolling Green Golf Club, 280 N. State Road. The Board granted a Special Exception and Variance to permit the expansion of the clubhouse and parking area, an existing nonconforming use.

Rolling Green
Golf Club

Mr. Wechsler commended Rolling Green Golf Club for a wonderful job they did in hosting the recent U.S. Golf Association Women Amateur Championship. It was a real credit to the Township, the members of Rolling Green Golf Club and volunteers that put on such a wonderful event and showcased Springfield on the Fox Sports Network.

FEMA Grant Fire Co.
Air Packs

Mr. Wechsler stated our great Springfield Fire Company consists of 65 very active volunteer members. Most of these volunteer members have other full-time jobs and obligations to support and they make a great sacrifice to the Township. Changes in building materials, the increase use of plastic and the rise of volatile material being transported over roadways means day-to-day building and vehicle fires and accidents imposing a greater risk to firefighters. Self-contained breathing apparatus are critical in protecting our firefighter in the mission of protecting our citizens. It gives me a great pleasure that Springfield Township has recently been approved for a \$160,328.00 federal grant for personal protective

equipment. This will replace the fire company's obsolete breathing apparatus units and provide new face pieces for every operational firefighter. Mr. Wechsler stated he appreciates the letters of support from local government legislators in obtaining this grant.

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of July, the Health Officer inspected 7 restaurants, 10 retail establishments and performed 3 reinspections. Two citations were issued due to violations. He announced the Township was recently awarded a 902 Recycling Grant in the amount of \$199,817. These funds will be spent on recycling equipment.

Health/Recycling

For the month of July, total for trash collected was 930.92 tons, paper recycling was 67.39 tons and commingled single stream was 99.71 tons. Dr. Janiczek encouraged residents to keep on recycling.

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of July at 4,616, bringing the year to date total to 17,867. Total revenue for the month was \$198,357.00, which brings the year to date revenue to \$848,442.00. The golf course was opened 31 days and, opened late or closed early on 2 days. There was a total of 4.26" of rain and 17 days of temperature in the 90's. The maintenance crew continues to repair and service miscellaneous irrigation leaks and electrical failures. Several potholes on cart paths were repaired and the greens were vented twice with solid tines and knives.

Golf

Mr. Lanciano reported for the month of July, pool membership fees were \$9,390.00, guest admissions \$16,359.00, swim lessons \$2,040.00, misc. \$144.00, snack shop sales \$21,001.00 and swim team \$1,781.00, bringing the year-to-date pool revenue total to \$415,914.00. The pool was opened 31 days. He congratulated the league champions of the Springfield Country Club Pool for winning their 5th consecutive championship.

Pool

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Public Works

Mr. Lanciano reported the Highway Department is in the process of performing base repair and sealing street openings throughout the township in preparation for the 2016 overlay season. The Department continues to line paint on state and township roadways and is in the process of performing base repair on N. Rolling Road. The overlay program will begin by mid-August. Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 5th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Rolling Green
Golf Club

Mr. Rudolph thanked Rolling Green Golf Club for putting themselves at the international level and showcasing Springfield. They did a terrific job and it showed well on TV.

National Night Out &
"Springfield Cares"

Mr. Rudolph stated that National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 2 and was sponsored by the police department as a community night for everyone. He noted that well over several 1,000 people attended. Present at the event was the newly formed "Springfield Cares," which is a drug educational and invention committee that was formed under the guidance of Springfield Township to assist families in crisis.

Movie Night

Mr. Rudolph stated the Township concluded movie nights for the season.

Dining On Saxer

Mr. Rudolph reported that on Wednesday, July 27th the first "Pop-up Dining on Saxer" was held. With almost 2,000 people at the event, some of the vendors ran out of food. It was a great night and additional events will be planned.

Springfield Rocks

Mr. Rudolph announced that on Sunday, October 2nd the Township will be hosting a community day "Springfield Rocks" for residents. The event will be located outside at the Township property complex. There will be food vendors, musicians and crafters for the whole family to enjoy.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

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Mr. Lanciano made a motion to add to the agenda under new business a proposed ordinance establishing standards for contractors. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

ADDITION TO
AGENDA

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance establishing a stop intersection of Williamson Lane and Snyder Lane facing northwestbound traffic on Williamson Lane. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Stop Intersection

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #11-16 authorizing J. Lee Fulton, Township Manager to submit an application on behalf of the Township for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant of \$61,625.00 from the Commonwealth of Financing Authority to be used to conduct a thorough assessment of Township parks and recreation facilities and resources, and develop a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #11-16
GTRP Grant

Messrs. Wechsler, Layden and Rudolph recused themselves from voting on this matter since they are members of the Rolling Green Golf Club. Mr. Byrne stated he received correspondence from all three Commissioners recusing themselves since it may be perceived as a conflict of interest.

ROLLING GREEN
GOLF CLUB
LAND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Kelly moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for the Rolling Green Golf Club Clubhouse Expansion, 280 N. State Road. The Zoning Hearing Board granted a Special Exception and Variance to permit the expansion to a nonconforming use. The approval is contingent upon compliance with the Township Engineer's review letter dated July 29, 2016 and the Planning Commission's recommendation to continue to work on the buffer planting issues. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

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REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS

Mr. Rudolph asked for a roll call vote: Mr. Kelly – aye, Mrs. Sage – aye, Mr. Wechsler – recused; Dr. Janiczek – aye; Mr. Layden – recused; Mr. Lanciano – aye; Mr. Rudolph – recused. The vote was 4-0, with 3 recusals. Motion carried.

Mr. Layden moved authorizing the receipt of proposals for Qualifications for Energy Conservation Measures through a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract to be received by 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 9, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

CIVILIAN PENSION
PLAN COMMITTEE

Dr. Janiczek moved for the appointment of Employee Representative, Brian Gallagher, to a vacancy on the Civilian Pension Plan Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Minimum Standards of
Contractor Responsibility

Mr. Byrne, Township Solicitor, summarized a proposed ordinance establishing minimum standards of contractor responsibility and eligibility for public works contracts that are \$100,000 or over and paid for by public funds by the Township. The contractor shall submit a Contractor Responsibility Certification at the time of bid submittal. If the contractor is using a subcontractor on any work performed in the Township, they will have to be identified on its Subcontractor List and provide a Subcontractor Responsibility Certification. The Township shall issue a Notice of Intent to Award Contract to the firm offering the lowest responsive bid. This allows a period of 21 days for a public review period.

Mr. Byrne noted that this is the first reading of the proposed ordinance and that it will be available in the Township Building for public viewing. The proposed ordinance will also be advertised in the Daily Times and will have a second reading at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. Dr. Janiczek moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mr. Joe Couchara, 556 Vernon Road, commented on a safety issue with golf balls coming into his yard, as well as his neighbors. He asked that the Township extend additional netting down the 10th fairway. He noted that there may be other options to consider and he is more than willing to be involved in the process of finding the best solution for his family and the golf course.

Mr. Howard Lownes, Trappe, PA, 10th generation of Jane Lownes, stated that one of his cousins wrote a book in the 1970's that goes back through ten generations of the Lownes family. He said Jane Lownes came to Springfield from England with her three sons and a daughter in 1680. Mr. Lownes requested an enclosed board be placed in Jane Lownes Park telling the story of Jane. Mr. Lanciano stated he will be going to the Park Board meeting on August 18th requesting the marker.

Mr. Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, commented that the Township will be able to get extra tax revenue since Keystone-Crozer Health System was sold to Prospect Medical, which is a private entity and for-profit. Mr. Rudolph stated that the Board and Township Solicitor has already been meeting with hospital representatives. Mr. Byrne is working with the hospital together with the school district. Mr. Wilfong stated in regard to the grant the Township received for improvements to Brookside Road and Saxer Avenue, asked that some of the money could go for lights on the eastern side of Saxer Avenue. Mr. Fulton replied that the lights have already been ordered. Mr. Wilfong commented that motorists are speeding on Thomson Avenue coming up the hill and around the curve from Powell Road. He also noted that there is a sink hole by the bridge on Thomson Avenue and it is getting worse. Mr. Fulton replied the bridge belongs to PennDot and the Township will follow-up with them.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45P.M.)