

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 in the Township Building.

REGULAR MEETING

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.

ROLL CALL

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Novak of Life Christian Fellowship Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of January 6 and 14, 2014 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Culp read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of January. The majority of the time has been spent with snow removal responsibilities, cleaning up of downed trees and tree branches from the last snowstorm, and renovations to the hockey nets at the Crowell Park in-line hockey rink has begun.

Parks

Mr. Culp reported that during the month of January, total rounds were 305. The total golf revenue for the month was \$11,051.00. The course was opened 10 days during the month. He read the monthly maintenance report. All golf course accessories are being repaired, repainted or replaced for the upcoming season. Weather permitting, restoration to the sand bunkers continues.

Golf Course

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Zoning

Mrs. Sage reported that the Zoning Hearing Board will convene on February 27th to hear an application requesting a variance to permit 5 signs on the Springfield Honda building, 780 Baltimore Pike and an application for variances to permit the construction of a free-standing restaurant at 857 Baltimore Pike.

The Board will make a determination of the validity challenge of the zoning ordinance pursuant to “off-premises signs” at their March 27, 2014 hearing.

Planning

Mr. Wechsler stated the Planning Commission did not meet in January, as there was not a quorum.

Library

Dr. Janiczek reported that the Spring 1 Session will begin on March 3 and continue through April 11. Residents who donated to the Library’s annual fund were thanked. The users of e-book devices can take advantage of borrowing free books through the library. Additional shelving has been added to the adult section allowing spacing for additional current books.

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek asked residents to keep up the good work of separating your trash from recyclable materials. Instead of sending recyclables to landfills or an incinerator, recycling generates new products and revenue. In the month of January, the Township received \$3,540 for our mixed papers and \$1,525 for commingled items. Dr. Janiczek reminded residents that blowing/shoveling snow onto public roadways is a code violation and also creates dangerous driving conditions.

Ice Rink

Mr. Layden reported the Ice Rink has been busy as ever with over 350 skaters enjoying public skating the first weekend in February. On February 14th, the Chick-Fil-A cow will visit the ice rink and on February 28th, the Ice Rink will hold Tony Lukes’ night.

Environmental

Mr. Lanciano reported the Environmental Committee is looking into constructing birdhouses to be erected at the BMP basin.

Mr. Rudolph announced that the 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 15th at noon. The parade will start at Springfield & Britton Roads and end on Saxer Avenue & Powell Road. This year the parade will have co-grand marshals, Belle Erb and Nancy Pflieger, both long time members of the parade committee.

St. Patrick's Day

Messrs. Wechsler, Janiczek and Rudolph thanked the emergency services, headed by Lee Fulton, and all who were involved in the team effort during the past large snowstorm where 90% of Springfield was without electricity.

Snowstorms

Mr. Rudolph reminded residents that during periods of snowfall that vehicles must be removed from all streets designated as "Snow Emergency Routes," to park cars in driveways, and to remove snow within 24 hours after the storm. He reminded residents not to park at the end of the driveway or over the sidewalk, and not to shovel or plow snow or place trashcans into the street.

Police

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1545 creating a "No Parking" zone on the south side of the 200 block of Brock Road, extending 68' in an eastwardly direction from Powell Road. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

ORDINANCE #1545
No Parking Zone

Mr. Layden summarized a proposed ordinance updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Building for view. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Consolidated Fee
Schedule

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Stop Signs

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance by creating a 3-way intersection at Longview Drive and Buttonwood Road facing southwest, southeast and northeast bound traffic. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #4-14
Police Pension Plan
Investment Policy

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #4-14 accepting the amended and restated Police Pension Plan Investment Policy. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #5-14
County Liquid Fuels

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Resolution #5-13 was adopted requesting County Liquid Fuel Aid in the amount of \$34,898.00 to be used for the improvement of Township roadways. Estimated total cost of the project is \$300,000.00. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$9,560.70 from the escrow account for Patient First, 417 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

APPOINTMENTS
Environmental

Dr. Janiczek moved reappointing Mark McGann, 427 Burns Drive, to a three year term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Park Board

Mr. Lanciano moved to appoint Megan Cortese, 104 Longview Drive, to an unexpired term on the Park & Recreation Board. The term expires January 8, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Planning Commission

Mr. Wechsler moved to appoint James Kennedy, 44 S. Hillcrest Road, to an unexpired term on the Planning Commission. The term expires July 11, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:26 p.m.)

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