

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Father James Grant of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Wechsler read a Proclamation declaring the month of March 2017 as "Irish-American Heritage Month" in Springfield Township. The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled to begin at noon on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Layden presented a Proclamation to Patrick Mulhern, naming him as Grand Marshal of the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Mulhern was present to accept the Proclamation.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of January 10, 2017, was approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek 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

Mrs. Sage read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of January 2017. The crew completed all Parks Department responsibilities in addition to snow removal after recent snowfalls. Fallen trees were removed from Springfield Valley and Indian Rock Parks. Playground safety inspections of all parks has begun. Necessary repairs will be made.

On January 26, 2017, the Zoning Hearing Board convened and rendered a decision for a dimensional variance to permit an in-ground pool and fence at 229 N. Highland Road. On February 23, 2017, the application of Robert Thompson is seeking a Special Exception to use the premises as a commercial recreational facility for fitness at 122 Baltimore Pike.

Zoning

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of January, the Health Officer inspected 5 restaurants, 6 retail establishments, and performed 2 reinspections. Four institutions were also inspected. He also read a report on how to defend yourself against carbon monoxide poisoning. A low-level CO detector is the best defense against the deadly gas .

Health

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of January was 572. Total revenue for the month was \$25,159. Due to the great weather we have had the revenue has more than doubled over the seven year moving average. The seven year moving average for January was \$12,327. The golf course was opened 23 days and closed 8 days. Total rain fall was 5.9" and 5.5" of snow. The off-season golf rates are in effect, weekdays \$33, weekends \$38 with cart included.

Golf

Mr. Lanciano reported due to the Presidents Day holiday on Monday, February 20th, trash and recycling will not be collected. For the month of January 2017, 806 tons of trash was collected compared to 772 tons in January 2016. Paper collected in January was 107 tons versus to 70 tons in 2016. Commingled for January was 93 tons versus 103 tons last year. The cost for the Township to dispose of the trash is \$33/ton. For the month of January the Township paid \$26,598 to dispose of our trash. At the same time, when 107 tons of paper was collected, the Township receives \$90/ton, totaling \$9,330. The Township receives no revenue from the commingled, but it help keeps the cost of trash disposal down.

Public Works/Recycling

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Ice Rink

The Springfield Ice Rink just completed a very successful January as over 2,100 skaters enjoyed the facility for public skating. During the same period of time, 1,300 ice skates were rented and six birthday parties took place in the game room. The rink was also busy with men's league and in-house league games that are scheduled each week. The facility also rented 92 blocks of ice to local area teams for games and practice during the months of January. The rink will hold a special Presidents' Day session on Monday, February 20th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Mr. Rudolph announced the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 11th at noon. Hopefully everyone will come out.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

LAND DEVELOPMENT
Springfield High School

Mr. Byrne, Esq. announced that the Springfield School District has granted an extension of time for the Board of Commissioners to act on their Preliminary Land Development Plan for the construction of a High School through May 16, 2017. Mr. Byrne explained the extension is necessary to keep within a regulated time frame which both parties must observe. The School District is expected to return to the Planning Commission in the next few months with a revised plan to incorporate some of the suggestions raised at a previous Planning Commission meeting. At this point in time, there has been no amended plan submitted to the Township.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Fee Schedule

Dr. Janiczek introduced 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 viewing. Seconded Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Wechsler read a proposed ordinance amending the towing ordinance by providing for an Administrative Fee associated with post-accident services and additional labor costs associated with the removal of oil and vehicle fluids, clean-up and specialty tow services for overturned vehicles and winching services. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Towing

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, Resolution #3-17 was approved authorizing the disposal of municipal records in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Municipalities Record Act (P.L. 428). Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #3-17
Disposal of Records

On motion of Mr. Layden, Resolution #4-17 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 \$456,900.00. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #4-17
County Liquid Fuels

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township to conduct a public hearing to gather comments on Delaware County's Fiscal Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program. The Township plans to make improvements to Historic Old Central School. The hearing is scheduled for March 14, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

CDBG – Public Notice

Mr. Lanciano moved that the 2017 Country Club Pool Rates be approved as submitted. The rates will remain the same as in 2016. Join before April 30, 2017 and receive the following discounts: Single Member - \$50, Family discount (2 or more members) \$100. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

2017 POOL RATES

Mr. Kelly moved to appoint two alternate police towing service companies, Capital Towing and Bill's Auto Body for the year 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

POLICE TOWING
SERVICES

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RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Layden moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$470,016.81 from the escrow account to Coventry Woods LLC for the Coventry Woods of Springfield Land Development. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining funds of \$25,267.00 from the escrow account to Axion Investments, LLC for the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Land Development, 436 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Kelly moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$2,766.26 from the escrow account to the Church of Redeemer, 19 N. Hillcrest Road, for site improvements for the Church Foundation Subdivision. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Jeff Lawler, 317 Ballymore Road, was reappointed to another three year term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Dr. Janiczek moved for the reappointment of Larry Greenwich, 845 Sheffield Drive, to a three year term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally O'Shea, 569 Sheffield Drive, commented on the following:

- received a parking violation for parking the car the wrong way on Sheffield Drive
- intersection of Sheffield Drive and Bell Avenue is not safe when children are being picked up from Sabold School
- recommended a crossing guard or police officer at Sheffield Drive & Bell Avenue when school finishes for the day
- suggested blinking LED lights be attached to the stop signs at this location

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- trash and leaves being blown onto her yard
- when there is a holiday and recycling is not collected for a two week period, the recyclables overflow out into the street
- the number of vehicles with tinted windows
- sidewalks are not being cleared of snow and ice
- grass clippings are being blown into the street
- excessive speed on Sheffield Drive

Dr. Janiczek stated he would meet with her at the conclusion of the meeting to review these issues.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:48 p.m.)