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REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

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

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of June 13, 2017 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items.

Zoning Map
Amendment

A Court Reporter was present to take verbatim testimony of the Public Comment period concerning the proposed Zoning Map Amendment changing the zoning classification of the property at 305 West Avenue and the residentially zoned portion of 230-232 Baltimore Pike from the existing classification of "B" Residence to "E" Business.

Paul Toner, Esq., representing Pat Clark, 293 West Avenue, and a group of neighbors has express their concerns about the automotive dealership expansion at the corner of West Avenue and Baltimore Pike. They viewed the change as spot zoning and the encroachment of commercial development into their residential neighborhood.

Donald Petrosa, Esq., representing the applicant stated that the public hearing was held on June 13, 2017 and the record was closed at that time and that is why he questioned additional statements this evening. He said at the conclusion of the public hearing a vote was taken to enact the ordinance with a 5-2 vote. He noted the Delaware County and

Springfield Planning Commissions recommended approval of the ordinance. Mr. Petrosa said he understands that the Township practices to vote twice on an ordinance and is not sure where that practice originates. He said he looked in the First Class Township Code, as well as in the Township Code, and did not see any requirement or any authorization for that practice. He does not understand how a vote can be taken one night and a different vote be taken another night when the purpose of the public hearing is to present the information on which a decision is to be made. Mr. Petrosa said they do not consider this spot zoning.

Mr. Layden read the proposed ordinance and moved to approve the Zoning Map amendment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Janiczek. Mr. Rudolph called for a roll call vote:

Mr. Kelly – nay, Mrs. Sage – nay, Mr. Wechsler – nay, Dr. Janiczek – aye, Mr. Layden – aye, Mr. Lanciano – nay, Mr. Rudolph – aye. The vote was 4-3 in favor of the denial, therefore the motion to adopt the Zoning Map Amendment was denied.

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Kelly reported the Summer Reading Program at the Library started with a Kick-Off Program on June 23rd. John Hadfield’s presentation of “Science is Everywhere” was enthusiastically received by 127 children and 65 adults at the Township Building. This year’s theme for the “Science in the Summer” program is the Science of Sports. Classes are completely full. The program will take place from July 17 – 20.

Mrs. Sage reported the Parks Department has completed all baseball field maintenance except for a couple of fields that are still being used. The department also completed maintenance associated with the U12 baseball tournament at Netherwood Park, as well as responsibilities associated

ORDINANCE DENIED
Zoning Map Amendment

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library

Parks

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with the set up and clean-up of movie night, Dining on Saxer and the 4th of July parade were accomplished.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported on July 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. the Zoning Hearing Board will convene to hear two applications. The first one is the Springfield School District seeking Special Exception and Variances to permit the construction of a new high school facility and accessory buildings. The second applicant is Kimco Realty seeking a Use Variance to permit the use of tenant space as a commercial recreation facility for fitness in the Springfield Shopping Center.

Health

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of June, the Health Officer inspected 8 restaurants, 8 retail establishments, and performed 5 reinspections, with three citations issued.

Recycling

Dr. Janiczek reported the Public Works Department collected during the month of June, 3,035 tons of trash, which cost the Township \$34,174.47. Year-to-date it has cost the Township \$177,006.06. For the month of June, paper collected was 108 tons. Year-to-date income is \$50,061.40. Commingled collected for June was 84 tons.

Zoning Map
Amendment - Comment

Dr. Janiczek said the reason he voted for the change to the Township's Zoning Map is because he feels that the new construction of the car dealership was in the best interest of the area. He stated this was a unique situation that would have addressed the previous concerns of the neighbors. He noted that Royal Farms is interested in purchasing the property which would generate more traffic than a car dealership.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of June were 4,909, bringing the year to date total to 14,793. Total revenue for the month was \$236,754, which brings the year to date revenue to \$650,856. The golf course was opened 30 days, opened late/closed early on 2 days. Total rainfall was 2.25". He read the monthly maintenance report.

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Mr. Layden stated he would like to echo what Dr. Janiczek said in that the vote was not an easy vote. It was not an issue of not listening to the people of Springfield, but more an issue to try and help the neighbors.

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Mr. Lanciano reported that the Public Works Department is comprised of 12 men in the Highway Department, 15 men in the Sanitation Department; 3 men in the Sanitary Sewer Department, 3 mechanics, 3 part time workers and 10 college students for summer employment. At the present time the Highway Department is in the process of performing base repair on roads that are scheduled to be paved this year. The Department is painting crosswalks, arrows and stop bars on local and state highways.

Public Works

Mr. Lanciano reported for the month of June, membership fees were \$64,715.00, guest admission fees were \$10,133.00, Snack shop sales \$15,696.00, swim lessons \$720.00 and miscellaneous \$275.00 bringing the year-to-date pool revenue total to \$390,212.00.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano said several years ago a different type of grass, Latitude 36, was put down on the golf course. At that time the Township received many complaints since it did not turn out as the Township hoped. It has taken three or four years and now the golf course is in great condition.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano announced that tomorrow, July 12th, there will be fireworks at the Springfield Country Club celebrating the annual opening of Tavola's Restaurant & Bar.

Tavola's Fireworks

Mr. Rudolph reminded residents that movie night will be held on Thursday, July 13th at dusk at which time the movie "Trolls" will be shown. The next movie night will be held on July 26th.

Movie Night

Mr. Rudolph announced on July 19th is Dining on Saxer. June's event had a big turnout. He invited residents to come out and enjoy the evening with friends & neighbors.

Dining on Saxer

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Amendment – Comment

Mr. Rudolph said with the 4-3 vote, you can see that it was very difficult to make the decision and that every Commissioner takes these issues very serious. He said none of Board members want to see down zoning, but he felt that redevelopment of the car dealership would give residents relief from the current conditions that many found objectionable.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

ORDINANCE #1577
No Parking Zone

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1577 creating a “No Parking” zone on the southeast side of Whiteoak Road, extending from the southern property line of 15 Whiteoak Road north for 120 feet to the western property line of 424 Briarhill Road and the southwest side of Whiteoak Road, extending 48 feet north to the corner of Whiteoak and Briarhill Roads. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
One-Way Street

Dr. Janiczek read a proposed ordinance creating a “One-Way Street on N. State Road between Route 1 and the south driveway entrance to Rolling Green Country Club. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

TEAMSTER’S
CONTRACT

Mr. Lanciano said that an agreement has been reached with Township employees represented by Teamster’s Local Union 107 in which employees accepted the proposal. The contract carries the same conditions as their previous agreement. He moved to ratify a five year agreement between the Township and Teamster’s Local Union 107 and authorized the execution of the same. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PA DEP – Stormwater
Discharges Reduction
Plan

Mr. Kelly read a notification of a public hearing. He said in order to satisfy unfunded mandates issued by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, the Board of Commissioners placed a legal ad in the July 6, 2017 *Daily*

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Times to notify the public that written comments will be accepted for 30 days on pollutant reduction plans, available at the Township Building, for projects to remove additional sediment from our waterway. Interested person may provide comments up to and including the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Wechsler moved to reappoint James Kennedy, 444 S. Hillcrest Road, to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Mr. Layden moved to reappoint Anthony Gagliardi, 408 Valley View Road, to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. John Denk, 286 West Avenue, thanked the Board for voting against the Zoning Map Amendment.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT
(10:13 p.m.)