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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 9, 2019 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Lanciano and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

The Board of Commissioners recognized the Springfield High School Girls' Lacrosse team for becoming the 2019 PIAA Class 2A State Champions. Mr. Kelly read a Resolution applauding this outstanding group of young women.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners Mr. Lanciano thanked Fred Huenerfauth for chairing the Springfield Lions Club's July 4th parade and events over the course of the last 35 years. Tom Citro, President of the Lions Club, came forward and thanked Fred Huenerfauth for his service.

Mr. Rudolph stated our community is very well served with volunteerism and the Springfield Lions Club has run the 4th of July parade for 71 years. The Township is very happy to honor Fred for all the work he has done and thanked all of the Lions for everything they have done to make not only the 4th of July successful, but all their other funding efforts successful. Fred Huenerfauth came forward and stated that he has run the parade for 35 years and thanked the Board and said it was an honor to be here tonight.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of June 11, 2019 were approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing no one, the meeting continued.

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Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly announced the Township will be holding a concert on Wednesday, July 17th by the Jersey Corn Pickers. They are a blue grass band and will be playing in the amphitheater beginning at 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Concert in the Park

Mr. Kelly reported on July 25, 2019 the Zoning Hearing will be hearing four applications. The Application of Robert & David Miller was continued from last month regarding their property located at 305 West Avenue. A The application of Stephen & Elena Condi was continued from last month. They are seeking a dimensional variance to permit the construction of an oversized shed. The Springfield School District is seeking sign variances. The final application to be heard is for Adam Lavalee, 25 N. Rolling Road, seeking a rear yard setback variance to permit the construction of a deck.

Zoning

Mrs. Sage reported for the month of June, the Health Officer inspected 9 restaurants and 6 retail establishments, 1 school and 1 reinspection. She reported that there were 6 dog bite incidents last month. She reminded everyone how important it is to keep your dog on a leash. Mrs. Sage stated that the Board of Commissioners have always supported the importance of no smoking in Township parks and due to the growth of vaping and the increased knowledge of its dangerous health effects, there will be “No Vaping” stickers added to the existing “No Smoking” signage.

Health

Mr. Lanciano read the Athletic Field summary report for the month of June. The crew worked grooming and lined all playing fields. They setup and prepared the Netherwood baseball fields for the U11 Cal Ripken tournament.

Athletic Fields

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Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the monthly Parks report. The parks crew completed tree planting and mulching of new island on Saxer Avenue, completed all Parks Department responsibilities in the set-up and clean-up of the 4th of July parade and Memorial Parks festivities, as well as other work.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano reported the total pool revenue for the month of June was \$80,185.00, which brings the year-to-date total to \$381,237.00. The pool was open for 29 days in June. A playground/diving board monitoring camera was installed, as well as upgrading the guest Wi-Fi system.

Library

Mr. Wechsler announced that the Library will be hosting a week long "Science in the Summer." This year's theme is "Science of Me." Once again the classes are completely full. Delaware County Council is sponsoring a "Journey Across Delco" program. Children can get a passport to travel Delaware County libraries.

New Police Facility

Mr. Wechsler said on June 18th, the Township hosted an informational meeting about the possible relocation of the police department. The current police building has run out of space. The proposed location is the former Parks Department building on Saxer Avenue. The Township wanted to get public opinion in order to identify issues such as traffic or the impact on the neighborhood during construction. The new facility will be approximately 12,000 sq. ft. and would be funded primarily with grant money and Springfield funds. We have a preliminary budget of about 3.3 million and about half of that would be grant money. An architect is in the process of reviewing the finances of the construction to make sure that it will be in or around the budget.

Saxer/Brookside
Project

Mr. Wechsler stated that Saxer Avenue and Brookside Road projects are moving along. The project is underway on Brookside Road. On Saxer Avenue what we are waiting for are two light standards for pedestrian crosswalks that

are being fabricated. Steel fabrication is backlogged at the PA plants that manufacture the standards. Still working on the storm water management issues so that we can proceed in the fall with the building of the second municipal lot which is located on the other side of the firehouse.

Mr. Layden reported for the month of June, total rounds were 4,577 bringing the year to date total to 14,065 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$235,205 bringing the year to date revenue total to \$676,377. The seven year moving average is \$594,173.00 bringing a positive variance of \$82,204 year-to-date. The total rainfall in May was 7.66". He read the monthly maintenance report.

Mr. Layden reported during the month of June there was one accident involving a Township truck. The Highway Department is in the process of performing base repair throughout the Township to prepare for the 2019 overlay season and painting all crosswalks, turn arrows, and stop lines on all state highways and township streets. The department will also be collecting yard debris every 3rd Wednesday of the month through September.

Mr. Layden reported for the month of June, total trash collected was 956.8 tons. Paper recycling was 94.3 tons, commingled was 80.4 tons and bulk 48.2 tons.

Mr. Rudolph announced for the 5th year the Township Board of Commissioners are hosting free movie nights, along with popcorn, water ice and water. On Thursday, July 11th, at dusk, Toy Story 3 is the scheduled.

Mr. Rudolph announced that the annual Springfield Township National Night Out Crime Prevention activities will be held on Tuesday, August 6th in the parking lot of the Country Club from 6 – 9 p.m. Local businesses and organizations will be in attendance supporting this event.

Golf Course

Public Works

Recycling

Movie Night

National Night Out

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Community Watch

Mr. Rudolph reported during the month of May, the Township had participation of 6 different members who contributed 24 hours, and rove a total of 133 miles. Their efforts alerted police to 2 large groups of youths, 4 suspicious vehicles, 1 group of youths taunting cars with their bikes, 7 malfunctioning street lights, and an open window at the rear of the high school.

Public Safety

Mr. Rudolph reported during the summer theft of bicycles significantly increases. Expensive bikes are generally targeted and noted that these thefts can be reduced by securing bikes not in use. He stated the Police Department offers a free child seat inspection and installation program. Anyone wishing to take advantage is encouraged to contact the Police Department.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph reminded residents to check electrical cords that they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are only intended for temporary use only.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Zoning

Mr. Layden read a proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Code by amending Article II, Section 143-9.B. "Terms Defined, to add a definition for Public School Bus Operations Facility, and to amend Article IV, "A" Residence District, Section 143-14.(5) Use Regulations, "Public School Bus Operations Facility on tracts of at least two acres with access to an arterial roadway provided the tract has a history of prior nonresidential use. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Kelly – nay; Mrs. Sage – aye; Mr. Lanciano – aye;
Mr. Wechsler – aye; Mr. Layden – aye and Mr. Rudolph – aye.
The motion was carried 5 – 1.

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Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #13-19 setting the time and date of the public hearing on a zoning code amendment to be held 7:30 p.m. on August 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION #13-19
Public Hearing Date

In regard to the scheduled public hearing, Mr. Wechsler clarified with the Township Solicitor that the proposed ordinance is to provide parking for the buses used by the high school. Mr. Wechsler noted there is still a second reading of the proposed ordinance. He asked Mr. Byrne in the event that an agreement between the land owner and school district is not reached, then the Township will have the opportunity to vote against the zoning amendment. Mr. Byrne agreed. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #14-19 adopting and submitting to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for approval of a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan." The Estates of Coventry Woods – Phase 1A and 1B, land development proposes that the subdivision be served by sewer tap-ins and sewer extension. Seconded by Mr. Layden. A roll call vote was taken:

RESOLUTION #14-19
Revised DEP Sewage
Facilities Plan

Mr. Kelly – nay; Mrs. Sage – aye; Mr. Lanciano – aye; Mr. Wechsler – aye; Mr. Layden – aye and Mr. Rudolph – aye. The motion was carried 5 – 1.

Mrs. Sage moved to reappoint Mark McGann, 427 Burns Road, to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:50 p.m.)