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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 14, 2015 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Father Anthony Costa of St. Francis of Assisi Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of June 9, 2015, were approved as transcribed. 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. Seeing none, the meeting continued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Golf Course

Mr. Kelly reported total rounds for the month of June was 2,613 bringing the year to date total to 7,128. Total revenue for the month of June was \$114,982, bring the year-to-date revenue total to \$445,639.

Parks

Mr. Kelly read the Parks Department maintenance report for June. The crew completed all clean-up from the recent sever storm. This included the removal of large trees branches in several Township parks. The Parks crew also set up the baseball fields in Netherwood Park for the U9 Cal Ripken baseball tournament, installed new wood carpet under playground equipment in tot-lots and completed responsibilities relating to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

Zoning

Mrs. Sage reported the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on July 25, 2015 at which time they will render a decision on an application regarding a use variance to permit the use of their residence as a home office business (375 Gleaves Road)

which involves customer traffic pursuant to the requirements of a Federal Firearms License. Also, the following applications will be heard:

ZH-15-07: Enterprise Leasing requesting variances to construct a building addition to allow for an interior car wash bay (436-444 Baltimore Pike).

ZH-15-08: Scott Kia for variances to demolish buildings and construct a new 2-story building for an existing auto/service business. (321 Baltimore Pike).

ZH-15-09: KCA Springfield-Delco, L.P. for special exception and variances to redevelopment property consisting of a Wawa convenience store and a bank (675 Baltimore Pike).

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission held a special meeting on July 9th to review preliminary applications for the Wawa development, Enterprise Auto Leasing and a proposed seven lot subdivision at 500 Saxer Avenue. All applicants will be back before the Planning Commission in September.

Planning

Dr. Janiczek announced the Library is selling raffle tickets to see the Philadelphia Union match on Saturday, September 20 at 7 p.m. Proceeds go to the Delaware County Library System Foundation and were donated by Delaware County Council. He read a list of programs being held at the Children's Library during the month of July.

Library

Dr. Janiczek reported the Highway Department are presently performing base repair on roads that are scheduled for paving this year. The department is also performing streambank stabilization along Woodland Avenue where erosion has occurred. The Public Works Department is painting crosswalks, arrows and stop bars on Township and State highways.

Public Works

Mr. Layden reported total pool revenue for the month of June was \$57,392.50, bringing the year-to-date revenue totals to a record number of \$357,471.00, which is a positive

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variance of \$113,073.00 over last year's total. He also noted new deck chairs and shade areas around the pool were added. There were three successful lifeguard saves during the month of June.

Ice Rink

Mr. Layden stated the Township held a wrestling show a couple weeks ago at the Ice Rink which drew approximately 300 people. The snack bar brought in \$350 during intermission and the promotion made a nice donation to the hockey league which will come back to the Township in ice time rentals. The game room was also a major attraction.

Environmental

Mr. Lanciano reported for the month of June, the Township collected 1,087 tons of refuse versus 1,043 tons in June 2014 for a positive variance of 44 tons. Again, for the month of June, the Township collected 107 tons of paper versus 113 tons, for a negative variance of 6 tons. Plastic pick up was 37 tons versus 66 tons in 2014 for a negative variance of 29 tons. Single stream collected for June was 60 tons versus 13 tons last year for a positive variance of 47. The Township collected 97.39 tons of commingled versus 78 tons in 2014. The goal is to try to reduce amount of trash and increase the recycling. It costs the Township \$33 ton to dispose of our trash.

Movie Night

Mr. Wechsler announced the Board of Commissioners will be holding a free movie night on our sledding hill next to the Township Building. Movie night is scheduled for July 29 at 8:30 p.m. The movie selected to show is "Sandlot." Free popcorn is also included.

Police

Mr. Rudolph announced that the annual Springfield Township National Night Out Crime Prevention activities will be held on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Country Club. The pool will be open free of charge to all Springfield residents.

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Mr. Rudolph read a list of safety tips for power line safety after a storm. The Springfield Fire Company encourages residents to be aware of and prepared for those dangers. When power lines are on the ground following a storm, you need to stay away and contact the electric utility or dial 911.

Fire Company

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Sage, the the Treasurer's Report for June 2015 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1557 repealing a "No Parking Zone" on the northwesterly side of LeHann Circle, extending northeastwardly from Saxer Avenue to Garden Road Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

ORDINANCE #1557  
Repeal No Parking Zone

Mr. Kelly read a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 106-02, entitled "Rental Dwelling Units, "Definitions & Word Usage" by revising the definition of "Code" by updating the "the International Property Maintenance Code, to the 2015's Edition." He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
Rental Dwelling Units

Dr. Janiczek reported FEMA has updated its model Floodplain Ordinance and in order for the Township to maintain participation in the National Floodplain Insurance Program, municipalities are required to amend the floodplain requirements in their ordinance. The amendments in the Zoning Ordinance were developed with the assistance of FEMA to be consistent with their model ordinance requirements. The proposed ordinance requires all persons, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development within areas of the township that are subject to flooding. Failure for the Township to

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Zoning Amendment  
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maintain a FEMA ordinance may compromise applications for flood insurance for property owners that live within the floodplain areas.

Dr. Janiczek announced the complete ordinance will be available in to Township Building during normal business hours from now until August 11<sup>th</sup> at which time the second reading will take place. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #12-15  
Public Hearing Date

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #12-15 setting the time and date of the public hearing on a zoning code amendment to be held 7:30 p.m. on August 11, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jim Davis, 18 N. Norwinden Drive, raised questions in regard to the school district's plans for a new high school. He asked if the Board of Commissioners plan to meet with the School Board regarding their master plan. Mr. Byrne replied that to date nothing pertaining to the development has been filed with the township. Any Township meeting that requires any action to be taken would be at a public meeting. Mr. Davis asked if the Board of Commissioners will take a public stand on the construction of a new high school. Mr. Byrne stated what going to happen depends on what is filed. As Township Solicitor, he instructed the Board not to take any position. If you take a position at this point in time and there is something that is brought in front of us that we later have to vote on you could disqualify yourself. He noted that the School Board is totally autonomous from the Board of Commissioners.

George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, questioned the condition of the fairways at the Golf Course and the use of Bermuda grass. Mr. Wechsler stated there is a lot of brown and green and other golf courses are experiencing the same issue. Mr. Kelly stated that they have met with the consultant from the USGA about six weeks ago. As far as the new normal, the recommendation was to over-seed with rye grass

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now and we will start to see the results of the green coming in on the course. As the heat and humidity comes in, the Bermuda grass will come out of its dormant stage and will begin to come back green.

Mr. Miller complimented the new pool and asked if there were any punch-list items that need to be resolved. Mr. Layden replied the contractor came back and fixed anything that had an issue. The issue in the baby pool with the plaster being a little rough was sanded out and the issue has been resolved. Also, additional shade areas have been increased. Mr. Miller recommended that the pool maintenance fee be shown as a line item. Mr. Layden replied that item is already in the pool budget. Mr. Miller also suggested that he would also like to see as a line item the rent the Township will receive for the new spa.

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

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:37 p.m.)