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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in the Township Building.

The following other Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Janiczek, Wechsler, Rudolph, Devenney and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Byrne and LeFevre, as well as Mrs. Warner.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Kinzel of The Blue Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of May 12, 2009 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Mrs. Sage announced the registration for the Summer Reading Club will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup>. New this summer is online registration for the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Be Creative and Express Yourself at Springfield Library". She also read a list of programs being held at the Library this summer.

Mr. Wechsler reported the year-to-date membership fees are \$124,796.00. All spring maintenance has been completed and the pools are open and fully operational. The pool will be opened full-time beginning Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> until Labor Day.

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission met on June 4<sup>th</sup>, as which time Land Development Application for Sun East Credit Union to locate in the Springfield Square

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library

Pool

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East Shopping Center. The Planning Commission voted 4-3 to deny the application.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph reported the Public Works Department is in the process performing base repair throughout the Township to prepare for our 2009 overlay season. The Highway Department is currently painting crosswalks, turn arrows and stop lines on all state and township roadways. Due to the Independence Day holiday on July 3, there will be no trash, paper and commingled recycling collection.

Environmental

Mr. Rudolph reported the Environmental Committee has applied for a Growing Greener Grant for 2009. He also noted the Bob Artese, Traffic Signal/Street Lighting Superintendent, applied for a grant for funding to upgrade some of our school zone signs to solar. As a reminder from the health officer, please keep your grass cut 8 inches or less and trees and shrubs trimmed at all time. Do not sweep or blow grass clippings into the street, as this practice creates blockages in the storm sewers.

Parks

Mr. Devenney reported the Parks Department has seal-coated and re-lined the basketball court in Williams Park, planted and mulched the gardens at the Township Building, Library, Police Station and District Court. New sidewalk blocks were installed at Jane Lownes Park, as well as the apron at the entrance to Rolling Green Park.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the progress report for the month of May. Total rounds were 4,324 bringing the year-to-date total to 9,712 rounds. The six year average of total rounds is 4,852. Total revenue for the month was \$175,266, bringing the year-top-date revenue total to \$384,485. The six-year average of revenue is under by \$27,356. Golf Course personnel landscaped the 14<sup>th</sup> hole flower boxes with perennials, replaced shrubs between tees 3 and 7, new curbing along the 14<sup>th</sup> hold cart path, as well as completing irrigation system repairs. He also noted there are several promotional coupons available.

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Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of February, the Fire Company responded to 10 fires, 40 non-fires, 26 mutual aid and held 17 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$1,000.00.

Fire Company

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Devenney, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1494 creating a "No Parking" zone on the south side of the 100 block of Lynbrooke Road, extending 86' feet and three 15' "No Parking" zones on the north side of the 100 block of Lynbrooke Road, opposite the driveways of 110, 114 and 118 Lynbrooke Road. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

ORDINANCE #1494  
"No Parking" Zone

Mr. Devenney moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1495 creating a "No Parking" zone on the easterly side of N. Norwinden Drive, extending northeastwardly 127' from E. Springfield Road. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ORDINANCE #1495  
"No Parking" Zone

Mr. Devenney moved to reject the bids for the demolition of 20 N. Brookside Road. The bids were over budgeted estimates. It was decided the Township Public Works Department will take on the project. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BIDS REJECTED  
Demolition Project

Mr. Wechsler read a proposed ordinance creating a "Right-Turn Only" at Woodland Avenue and Wyndmoor Road. Traffic exiting Wyndmoor Road will only be able to make a right turn onto Woodland Avenue. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
Right-Turn Only

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
Stop Signs

Mr. Rudolph read a proposed ordinance creating a stop intersection at Avon and Bennett Road. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
Stop Signs

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance creating a stop intersection at Cheyney and Wesley Roads. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

RESOLUTION #12-09  
Zoning Hearing Board

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Resolution No. 12-09 was approved reappointing Mr. Craig Gardner, 1009 North Avenue, to a five year term as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board and Mr. Robert Culp, 359 Sedgewood Road, to a three year term as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT  
Beneficial Savings  
Bank

John Grosser, Esq, attorney for Beneficial Savings Bank, stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of their plan on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The bank proposes to built a 4,000 sq. ft. retail branch bank at 537 Baltimore Pike. It's a by-right development where they are not seeking zoning relief. He then introduced Joseph Coyle, Sr. Vice President of Beneficial Savings Bank, at which time he explained why this location is important to the bank.

Cornelius Brown, of Bohler Engineering, gave a brief review of the plan and improvements to the property.

- Mr. Devenney asked the number of floors. Mr. Brown replied it will be one story.
- Mr. Mahoney asked if the rear part of the property will be left open as it is currently. Mr. Brown replied the rear of the property will not be altered.
- Mr. Rudolph questioned the location of the bio-retention cells. Mr. Brown indicated its location and stated it will be on the surface. Mr. Rudolph also asked where the increased green area will come from? Mr. Brown stated it will be predominately coming from by adjusting the curb line and the removal of parking spaces.

- Mrs. Sage questioned the number of trees proposed for the property. Mr. Brown stated additional trees will be added to the interior of the property. He noted three existing shade trees from the frontage of Baltimore Pike will be removed. He explained the reasons: 1) number of trees previously planted are in excess of the Township requirements. 2) the tree canopy is very dense and potential concerns for visibility of identifying the building, and 3) livelihood of the existing trees.
- Dr. Janiczek asked if the removal of the trees will affect the conformity of the trees along Baltimore. He was advised what currently is there is dense and the removal will bring the trees into conformity. Mr. Brown noted the Shade Tree Commission approved their plan and since they are incorporating additional trees throughout the property, removal of the 3 trees will not have any major impact. The requirement for the tree spacing is 60 ft. Currently existing is 20 ft. and the proposed improvements will be 40 ft., which will allow more room for the remaining trees to flourish.
- Mr. Devenney questioned if the trees will be maintained. Mr. Coyle replied the bank takes pride in their appearance and the landscaping will be maintained.
- Jerry Childers, VIC Architects, showed renderings of the proposed building.
- Wechsler asked if proposed signage will be in conformance with the Zoning Code. Mr. Childer replied all signage will be in conformance with Township regulations.
- Lanciano raised questions on the traffic flow in the parking lot.

Mrs. Sage requested the Board of Commissioner take a short recess. The Board reconvened after 10 minutes.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT  
Beneficial Savings Bank

Mrs. Sage moved to authorize the proper officers of the Township approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Application of Beneficial Savings Bank, 537 Baltimore Pike, contingent upon satisfying the comments of the Engineer's review letter. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES

Mr. Lanciano announced the Township has been awarded a 2009 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$165,000 for the historical preservation of the Taylor-Evans. He moved that the Township retain the services of John Bowie, A.I.A., as its historical architect with respect to preparing specifications, site inspection and overall project management at the fee of \$18,100.00. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried. Mr. Mahoney thanked County Council, especially Tom McGarrigle, for awarding the grant to the Township.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Dr. Janiczek noted the Township was awarded a PA Department of Environmental Protection Harvest Grant in the amount of \$97,500. He moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Solar Energy Panels to be received by July 10, 2009 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

CIVILIAN PENSION  
PLAN COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Commissioners Janiczek and Lanciano, and employee representative Mr. Artese and resident representative, Mr. Cambria, were reappointed to a two year terms on the Civilian Pension Plan Committee. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sage moved to appoint Mr. Daniel McKeon, 619 Laurel Road, to fill an unexpired term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Charles Mammucari, 373 Valley View Road, complained about the rudeness of some Springfield Township employees, especially in the District Court office. Mr. LeFevre stated the District Court is rented out to the

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County and the District Justice personnel are employees of the County. He complained about the lack of help by the Springfield Police Department. He stated he has a problem with confidentially of complainants. He has had several incidents at his property and during the past few months and has to pull teeth to get information. Mr. Devenney remarked the problem Mr. Mammucari is having stems from people walking their dogs and not picking up after them.

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

ADJOURNMENT  
(9:06 p.m.)