

MARCH 13, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the Township Building.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of February 13, 2018 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Kelly reported on February 22nd the Zoning Hearing Board convened to hear and render a decision on two applications. The Board granted a Use Variance for ZH-18-01 of Delco Urban Air, LLC, to permit the use of a tenant space as a commercial recreational facility for fitness at 1260 E. Woodland Avenue. Application ZH-18-02 of Roland & Tracy Dortone, seeking dimensional variances to permit a two lot residential subdivision at 101 S. Rolling Road was continued to the June meeting. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on March 22nd to hear the following two applications:

ZH-18-03 of David Kelly, seeking dimensional variance to permit a 6' x 9' building addition to encroach into a side yard.

ZH-18-04 of Taiji AcueCare, LLC, seeking a Use Variance to permit the use of tenant space as a wellness clinic in the Springfield Mall.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning

Health/Environmental

Mrs. Sage reported for the month of February, the Health Officer inspected 8 restaurants, 9 retail establishments, and performed 1 reinspection. There were 2 dog nuisance issues. She stated the Delaware County Council of Governments (COG) is sponsoring an E-Recycling Day event on Sunday, March 25th from 9 am to 1 pm at Delaware County Community College. Almost anything with a plug will be accepted and recycled free of charge. The Darby Creek Valley Watershed Association will be holding a stream clean-up on Saturday, April 14th. The Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association's streams clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Sage noted the Township donates funds to help both subsidize both clean-ups and that the Environmental Committee participates in these worthwhile activities.

Library

Dr. Janiczek thanked those residents who contributed to the Library's Annual Fund Drive which helps continue the excellent services provided by the Library. The Youth Program's Winter Session began on February 26th and will run through April 6th. The spring book sale will be held at the Township Building on Saturday, April 21 through Monday, April 23. Dr. Janiczek stated the display windows located at the upper level of the Library are still available to showcase a resident or organization's hobby or craft.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano reported the 2018 Pool applications are now available on the Township and Pool websites and available for pick-up at the Township Building.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported the Ice Rink will end a very successful public skating season this weekend with sessions on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The Ice Rink will remain open until April 15th for hockey playoffs, tournaments, ice rentals and birthday parties.

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department crew installed a split rail fence at the Sloan Road entrance of Meadowgreen Park and replaced the split rail fence at Wildwood Park. New benches were installed at Memorial Park and at the amphitheater of the Township Building. The crew began restoring the football goal posts used at Crowell and Church Road Parks and started clean-up of trees that were damaged during recent storms.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported the final public meeting with regard to the Parks Master Plan was recently held. Each park has been reviewed and renovations suggested. A design feature of the plan suggests that each park will be connected by a loop plan that will encourage walking and running along a trail. A draft of the final plan is expected by mid to late May with the project completion in July. The initial project could potentially be funded through the PA DCNR (PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources) Grant Program.

Parks Master Plan

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of February was 693 bringing the year to date total total to 876 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$24,445, bringing the year-to-date total to \$33,978. The golf course was only opened 13 days. There was 7 days of rain with a total rainfall of 6.42", 2 days of snow with a total of 2.75". Storm damage cleanup of fallen tree, tree branches and debris continues.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported for the month of January, total trash collected was 631.6 tons. Paper recycling was 88 tons, single stream commingled was 64.3 tons, bulk pick-ups 27.2 tons.

Recycling

Mr. Layden reported the Highway Department is in the process of filling potholes. Residents are asked to report any potholes to the Township garage. If the potholes are located on state highways, the information will be forwarded to PennDOT. Due to the Good Friday holiday on Friday, March 30th, trash and recycling will not be collected. Debris

Public Works

from damaged and fallen trees that was caused by the recent storm will be picked up by the Township. It will be ongoing for the month of March. Tree limbs should be no longer than 4' sections and placed at the curb. Open burning in Springfield is prohibited.

St. Patrick's Day
Parade

Mr. Rudolph stated that the St. Patrick's Day parade was well attended and is the largest suburban parade in five counties. He thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up after the parade.

Snow Storms

Mr. Rudolph commented on the recent three nor'easter storms. He said we had probably one of the most historic storms in Springfield's history where we had almost 80% of our residents without power, with more trees and wires down, more roads closed and almost every traffic light was out for a period of time. It took almost five days to get everybody restored with power. He praised all the emergency workers in town. The fire and police had over 100 calls that they handled within a six hour period.

Mr. Rudolph stated that due to almost all the traffic lights being out from the March 2 nor'easter, the Township has purchased batteries to equip eight traffic signals that have an instant-on capacity when the signal is not supplied with power. Mr. Rudolph added that other traffic signals will be fitted with plugs so generators can power them.

Mr. Rudolph announced the Township has established an OEM (Office of Emergency Management) on Facebook and the Township website for emergency communications.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

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Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1581 updating various sections in Chapter 45 “Fire Prevention” pertaining to fines for violations and penalties. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ORDINANCE #1581
Fire Prevention – Fines
& Penalties

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance amending sections in Chapter 138 “Vehicle & Traffic” relating to fines for violations and penalties. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ORDINANCE #1582
Vehicle & Traffic – Fines
and Penalties

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1583 updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried. A copy of the ordinance is available at the Township Building.

ORDINANCE #1583
Fee Schedule

Mr. Layden moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$88,782.50 from the escrow account for Rolling Green Golf Club. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Rudolph moved for the appointment of Nicholas Kutufaris, 124 Parkview Drive, to a vacancy on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

Mr. Chris McKenna, 421 Maddock Road, stated that at last month’s meeting he requested the Board to consider adopting a resolution that would denounce gerrymandering and recommend an independent commission to set districts in the future before our congressional and state legislative districts. He asked if the Board had a chance to consider adopting a resolution. Mr. Byrne replied that it has been referred to him for review. He stated that he has advised the Commissioners to see what comes out of the decision in the courts to see who has the authority to set the districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:37 p.m.)