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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 in the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were also present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Culp, Janiczek, Wechsler, Layden, and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Byrne and Fulton, as well as Mrs. Warner.

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

Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2012 as "Poppy Day's" in Springfield Township.

On motion of Mr. Culp, the minutes of April 10, 2012, were approved. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Culp congratulated four young poets from Springfield that were recent winners in the 2012 Young Poets of Delaware County contest. Registration for "Science in the Summer" will take place during the month of May. The program will be held at the Library on July 9 – 12. The theme this year is "Physical Science/Electricity," which is sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline and Delaware County Library System. Mr. Culp announced this year's "PA One Book, Every Young Child" selection being *Stop Snoring Bernard!*

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board had only one item on the agenda last month for an approval of a patio at 501 Kerr Lane. There have been no applications submitted for the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library

Zoning Hearing Board

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Recycling

Dr. Janiczek reported the Township is currently receiving \$80/ton for paper collected for recycling, compared to the amount of \$60/ton earlier this year. When it comes to glass and commingled, the scale has tipped, in 2011 we were receiving approximately \$80/ton, but currently we are now receiving \$40/ton.

Environmental/Health

Mr. Layden reminded dog owners to keep their dogs leashed at all time when outside. This applies to residential neighborhoods, parks and public areas within the township. All dogs must have current rabies vaccinations and a current 2012 dog license. Dog owners must clean up after their pets immediately. He also reminded residents dogs left barking are in violation of the township nuisance ordinance.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported for the month of April, total rounds were 3,758 with a year-to-date total of 7,945 rounds. Total revenue for the month of April was \$150,084, bringing the year-to-date revenue total to \$312,955. This is \$101,553 over last year's revenue at this time. The seven year moving average in revenue is \$229,058, making a positive variance of \$83,897.00.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department monthly progress report. The crew put a new layer of wood-carpet under the playground equipment at Williams and Walsh Parks. It is their intention to place wood-carpet under all playground equipment by the end of the summer. The Parks Department has planted a "Franklinia" tree at the Township Building for Arbor Day. At the tree planting ceremony, Springfield was named a "Tree City USA" for the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Police

Mr. Rudolph announced that the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Hero Bowl will take place on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at Widener University's Leslie C. Quick Stadium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event benefit the Hero Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships to children of police, fire and EMS

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workers who have given their lives in the line of duty. He reminded drivers to be aware of more pedestrians and bicyclists on the roadways. Drivers should always yield the right-of-way when the law or commonsense dictates.

Mr. Rudolph stated the Fire Safety Tip for the month of May is to “Spring Clean.” It is the ideal time to check our homes and yards for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions and to spend the time to protect our family and properties. He read a list of safety tips that residents should follow.

Fire Safety Tip

Mr. Rudolph stated the current economic climate has made things very tough on local municipalities. The Board of Commissioners is constantly striving to hold the line on taxes, while at the same time continuing to provide our residents with essential services. Services such as the golf course, the swimming pool and ice rink have provided residents with countless hours of fond memories. He noted the swimming pool is aging and needs repairs, the golf course requires daily landscaping and maintenance and the ice hockey rink is often in need of new equipment, such as a Zamboni and dehumidifier. Through months of exploring opportunities to create alternative funding sources, Mr. Rudolph announced the possibility of the Township leasing a small portion of unused golf course ground for construction of a 94 room hotel. The addition of the hotel would play an essential role in keeping golf play, banquets and weddings sales at levels sufficient to keep public services available and affordable. The hotel, which will be owned by the Township, will enjoy the benefit of increased employment through the addition of temporary and permanent positions. He noted all this will be accomplished without the cost to the Township nor its taxpayers.

Country Club Hotel

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

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TREASURER'S  
REPORT

On motion of Mr. Layden, seconded by Mr. Lanciano, the Treasurer's Report for April 2012 was accepted and ordered filed.

PUBLIC HEARING  
Zoning Amendment

Mr. Byrne explained the proposed amendment to the 2010 Zoning Code was introduced at the April meeting. Under our current ordinance, garages heights were allowed by-right to be up to 18 feet in height, which has become an issue with residents. Under the proposed amendment, the permitted height will be limited to 12 feet in height. In order to build taller than 12 feet, but less than 18 feet, an application must secure a special exception through the Zoning Hearing Board. The proposed ordinance was advertised in the Springfield Press on April 18 & 25, 2012. The proposed amendment was reviewed by the Delaware County Planning Department and the Springfield Planning Commission, both recommending approval.

Mr. Byrne asked for public comment on the zoning amendment. Seeing none, the hearing was closed and the Board moved to continue with the rest of the agenda.

ORDINANCE #1520  
Zoning Amendment

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1520 amending the Zoning Code by revising the maximum height of private garages and carports in residential districts to 12 feet. Any structure in excess of 12 ft. may be permitted as a special exception by the Zoning Hearing Board. In no event shall any special exception permit the maximum height of a garage/carport to exceed 18 feet. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

BIDS: Patching  
Materials

Dr. Janiczek reported no bids were received for the second time for Roadway Patching Materials. Under the First Class Township Code, the Township is now permitted to purchase patching materials where available. He moved to authorize Jeff Bickel, Public Works Superintendent, to purchase the patching material on an as-needed basis. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mr. Byrne gave a summary of the concept of a proposed hotel to be constructed on a portion of the Golf Course property that is not being used. The hotel will increase revenue through the lease, the amount of rounds of golf that are played, as well as attracting overnight guests to stay at the hotel when they are at weddings and conventions. He stated the Board has spoken to experts as well as the operator of the Springfield Country Club, Mr. Pat Burns. Mr. Burns would develop the hotel at no cost to the township and at the end of the lease term it would become the township's property. In reply to questions from Mr. Byrne, Mr. Burns agreed there would be no cost to the township or taxpayers to build a "first quality" hotel with approximately 94 rooms. He also agreed to extensive landscaping. Mr. Byrne noted the lease agreement has not yet been finalized.

Mr. Layden moved to approve a Land Lease Agreement for a Country Club Hotel with Blue Hen Development, L.P., for a period of thirty (30) years, with two ten year options, pursuant to the compensation schedule and subject to the completion and execution of a lease, which will be subject to specific review and approval by the Township Solicitor. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek. Mr. Rudolph called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Culp – aye, Mrs. Sage – aye, Dr. Janiczek – aye, Mr. Wechsler – nay, Mr. Rudolph – aye, Mr. Layden – aye, Mr. Lanciano – aye. The motion was carried with a 6 – 1 vote.

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #15-12 accepting formal dedication of Bailey's Run Lane, Willow Bay Subdivision, as a Township roadway, along with the sanitary sewer, drainage and access easements. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

LAND LEASE  
COUNTRY CLUB  
HOTEL

RESOLUTION #15-12  
Roadway Dedication  
Bailey's Run Lane

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RESOLUTION #16-12  
Roadway Dedication  
Carolee Circle

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #16-12 accepting formal dedication of Carolee Circle, Woodland Hollow Subdivision, as a Township roadway, along with the sanitary sewer, drainage and access easements. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #17-12  
Recreation Fee-In-Lieu

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Resolution #17-12 amending the Recreational Fee-in-Lieu Schedule of Fees. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

RESOLUTION #18-12  
Sale of Surplus  
Equipment

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #19-10 authorizing the disposal of surplus vehicles/equipment to be offered for sale on MunicibiD to the highest bidder. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Dr. Janiczek moved to authorize receipt of bids for 2012 Overlay Program to be received by 10:00 am on June 11, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Culp moved to authorized receipt of bids for Road Milling to be received by 10:00 am on June 11, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved to authorized receipt of bids for Grinder Pumps & Piping Material for the Beatty Hills Sewer Project to be received by 10:00 a.m. on June 5 at Marple Township Building. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

APPOINTMENTS  
Civil Pension Plan  
Committee

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Commissioners Culp and Lanciano were reappointed to two terms on the Civilian Pension Plan Committee. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Rudolph moved for the reappointment of Robert Hick, 427 Foulke Lane, to a five year term on the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Rudolph noted that Mr. Hick has been on the commission since 1974. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

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On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Mr. Robert Wilson, 249 Franklin Avenue, was appointed to an unexpired term on the Library Board. The term expires on January 14, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Library Board

Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, raised questions concerning the land lease for the proposed hotel at the Springfield Country Club. Mr. Byrne reiterated what the benefits a hotel would bring to the township.

AUDIENCE

Regina Shearer, 34 Old State Road, commented that the flags on Thomson Road should be illuminated at night, and, questioned whether they would be moved to streetlight lamp poles. Mr. Fulton that replied the individual responsible for installed the flags is adamant about keeping the flags up along Thomson Avenue and the Township is working with him to resolve the issue of non-illuminated flags.

Patricia Monville, 143 Morton Road, stated she wanted to express her gratitude to Lee Fulton for meeting with her today concerning a tax issue.

Dr. Janiczek moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:46 p.m.)