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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 9, 2017 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 Reverend Robert Novak of Life Christian Fellowship Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wechsler read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2017 as “Poppy Day’s” in Springfield Township.

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 the Library’s display windows are viewed by many people throughout the month. This month the display is a tribute to Springfield and America’s Fallen Heroes. Members of the Springfield American Legion Post 227 remind us to think of these heroes and their sacrifice throughout the years.

Mr. Kelly announced that online registration for the “Science in the Summer” program began on May 3rd at www.scienceinthsummer.com. The topic this year is “The Science of Sports” and classes will be held from Monday, July 17 through Thursday, July 20 in the Township Building. The Summer Reading Club begins with its Kick-Off Program on Friday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Building, attend and see “Science is Everywhere” with John Hadfield presenting an entertaining and educational program.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library

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Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board met on April 27th and heard an application seeking a sign variance for Conicelli Toyota, 860 Baltimore Pike. The application was approved. On May 25th the Zoning Hearing Board will convene to hear the application for the Springfield School District seeking a Special Exception and variances to permit the construction of a new high school building and related accessory use buildings.

Health

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of April, the Health Officer inspected 9 restaurants, 6 retail establishments, and performed 5 reinspections, with one citation issued.

Environmental

Dr. Janiczek announced the Parks Department planted a tree donated by the Garden Club in honor of Arbor Day and to celebrate that for the 25th year Springfield has received a Tree City USA award. He reminded residents that there will be a shredding event on Saturday, June 3rd at the Township Building from 10 am to 1 pm.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of April were 3,331, bringing the year to date total to 5,754. Total revenue for the month was \$157,816, which brings the year to date revenue to \$249,553. This is a positive variance of \$31,684 over the seven year moving average of \$217,869. The golf course was opened 28 days, closed 2 days and opened late on 3 days. Total rainfall was 3.39".

Public Works

Mr. Lanciano reported the Highway Department is in the process of inspecting and cleaning inlets and patching sections of roadways throughout the Township. Upcoming projects include base repair, manhole casting adjustments and ADA ramp inspections. The Sewer Department is closed caption television (CCTV) inspecting all sanitary sewer lines that are located under streets that will be resurfaced this summer. Due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th, there will be no trash or recycling collection.

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Mr. Lanciano reported the Public Works Department collected during the month of April, 956 tons of trash, which cost the Township \$31,059.00. Year to date the Township has collected 3,214 tons, which cost the Township \$105,938.00. For the month of April, paper collected was 98 tons and was paid \$8,293.00. Paper collected year to date was 390 tons, with an income of \$34,618.00. He requested residents to take the time to recycle, it's good for the environment and financially beneficial to the township.

Recycling

Mr. Lanciano reported all three pools are up and operating and in the process of clarifying the water. New automatic water levelers and a water stabilizing system has been installed in the pools. Privacy fence slates and concrete tetherball courts at the lower playground area have been installed. A new water feature for the baby pool has been installed. Total revenue for the month of April was \$114,090.00. Prior to the pool opening, the pool box office will be open Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Saturdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Pool

Mr. Rudolph announced that on Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a town hall meeting put on by the Springfield Cares Coalition. Springfield Cares is a grassroots organization to help residents and family members going through heroin and opioid addiction issues.

Springfield Cares
Township Hall Meeting

Mr. Rudolph announced that annual Memorial Day parade begins at Memorial Park at 10 am and ends at the Township Building. A wreath laying ceremony is held to memorialize each of our different war memorials throughout the township.

Memorial Day Parade

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

Dr. Janiczek moved to award the bid for Road Overlay and Milling to the low bidder, Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Inc. at the cost of \$355,882.45. The Township participated in a

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multi-township bid process with Marple Township and Swarthmore Borough. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Delaware County Association of First Class Township Commissioners, Mr. Kelly presented a plaque to Mr. Wechsler in appreciation of his 12 years of dedicated and devoted service as a Township Commissioner. Mr. Wechsler came forward to accept the plaque. He stated that he is proud to be working with this Board in working to help make Springfield great. He spoke about the new events the Board has initiated.

JANE LOWNES PARK

Mr. Lanciano recognized Mr. Lownes who was in the audience tonight and stated he has been very patient with the Township in erecting a monument in Jane Lownes Park to recognize the life and legacy of Jane Lownes. Mr. Howard Lownes, a descendant of Jane Lownes family, will be present to accept the dedication. The event is sponsored by Springfield Township and Springfield Township Parks Department. The project was accomplished by Zac Newman, a Springfield resident, as his project to earn his Eagle Scout badge. The event will be held June 10 at 9 am at the top of Jane Lownes Park. Mr. Lownes stated his family from all over the country is most appreciative that the Township accepted this project. On behalf of his family, he gave a donation towards the monument.

RESOLUTION #8-17
WRPP Grant

On motion of Mr. Layden, Resolution #8-17 was approved designating Lee Fulton, Township Manager, and William Cervino, Zoning Officer, to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate obtaining a Watershed Restoration and Protection Grant of \$300,000. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Yocum, 547 Vernon Road, addressed the Board about her safety concerns regarding the new golf netting installed behind her residence. The large pole is very

close to her property line, is a terrible eyesore and has decreased her property value. She is concerned about the proximity of the pole to her home as well as the proximity to the powerlines behind her home. She said the standard safe ratio for a utility pole to be buried underground is 10% of their length plus 2 feet. She observed the installation of the pole and does not believe that the depth of the pole is buried correctly. She requested proof of the exact measurements of the pole and the depth installed underground. She asked if there was a certified inspection from the code enforcer. She said she is disappointed in the Board's decision to install something so large and obtrusive behind her home without consideration for her family's safety. She suggested different options that would have been more effective. She requested that the pole be removed and relocated to eliminate any possibility of it coming in contact with her home if it fell. She said she does respect the concerns of her neighbor in regard to their children which is why the net was put in. She stated she grew up in the home and for the past 37 years she nor to her knowledge nobody has been struck or injured by a golf ball. She commented that if no action is taken to remove the pole behind her home, she will be forced to seek legal counsel.

Mr. Layden stated that the pole is 65 feet long and the installer followed the guidelines, plus dug an extra 3 feet so that the poles are 12 feet in the ground. Mrs. Yocum replied that she was there during the installation and that the hole dug was not even 9 feet deep. Mr. Layden said the reason that the golf net was erected was for safety concerns by the neighbors. Mr. Lanciano said the Township looked at various options (i.e. moving the tee, extending the nets and not doing anything). Mrs. Yocum asked why the pole was not installed on the other side of the trees on the golf course side. Mr. Layden said trees would have had to be removed. Mr. Layden and Mrs. Yocum discussed the issue of the placement of the pole. Mr. Lanciano noted that he will forward her the requested information and will talk to Jim Simpson about her request.

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Melissa Bateman, 555 Kennerly Road, raised her concerns of the speeding along Kennerly Road and that motorists fail to stop at the stop sign. She requested if something could be done on her street, such as a speed hump. Mr. Lanciano replied that he will discuss this with the Police Chief.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:47 p.m.)

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