

OCTOBER 8, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Pamela McShane of Princeton Presbyterian Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Culp presented lifesaving awards to two lifeguards, Lyssa Hawley and Melanie Murphy, in recognition for their actions when each successfully assisted a swimmer in distress.

Police Chief Daly presented two plaques to Target representative, Ms. Boughter, thanking her for Target's continued support in National Night Out, Run for the Heroes Scholarship Fund and in crime prevention. Coordinator for National Night Out, Officer Pat McKenna, came forward and said the Township is lucky to have a partnership with Target. Ms. Boughter thanked the Board for their recognition.

Mr. Lanciano presented Robert Hick with a plaque recognizing him for his 40 years of dedicated services with the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Hick came forward and summarized what the Board of Commissioners has accomplished over the past 60 years by consistently acknowledging the need for shade trees. The Township has been recognized as a "Tree City" for the past 17 years.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Wechsler read a Proclamation naming October 23 - October 31, 2013 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Springfield by promoting a drug-free community.

MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of September 10, 2013 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Culp reported the Library will be holding a program on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m. for parents and high school students on how to handle college costs and debt. The Library's fall book sale will be in the Township Building on Saturday, October 26 through Monday, October 28.

Library

Mr. Wechsler announced the Zoning Hearing Board will convene on October 24th at 7:30 p.m. to hear the continuation of the two applications on billboards. Also, decisions will be rendered on three applications that were heard at their meeting on September 26th.

Zoning

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of September that 100.5 tons of recycled paper was collected. Total tons of commingled material amounted to 68 tons and 883 tons of refuse was collected. Dr. Janiczek noted there are 8 men in the highway department, 18 men in the sanitation department, 3 men in the sanitary sewer department, 3 mechanics, and 6 temporary employees. The Public Works Department is currently in the process of repairing and cleaning inlets. Dr. Janiczek announced the leaf collection schedule begins on Monday, October 28. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Columbus Day, October 14 and Veterans Day, November 11.

Public Works

Mr. Layden announced the Springfield Health Department will hold its annual free rabies clinic for dogs and cats of Springfield residents only. The event will held on Saturday, November 9th from 9 to 11 am at the Springfield Public Works building. The Township thanks Dr. Beth Henry for volunteering her time to administer rabies vaccines.

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Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported that during the month of September, total rounds were 4,379, bringing the year-to-date total to 23,443 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$159,235, bringing the year-to-date total to \$868,899.

During the month of September, the course was opened every day. The conversion to Bermuda-grass in the tee and fairway areas has been completed. Fall clean-up of leaves and debris has begun.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano announced the Ice Skating Rink is now open for hockey, skating lessons, birthday parties and group ice rentals. Public skating will begin on Friday, October 25th.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of September. The Parks crew completed renovations to the upper tennis court at Williams Park, tree trimming at several parks, and continue with the weekly soccer, football and field hockey field maintenance.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano reported the Pool end of season revenue totaled \$262,781.01. Compared to the last four years, this year was the lowest amount of revenue generated.

Police

Mr. Rudolph reported on Sunday, October 13th at 9 a.m., Springfield Township will host the 13th annual Delaware County Run for Heroes 5K Run/Walk. The Police Department has been awarded a two-year grant from the PA Liquor Control Board totaling \$38,500. The funding was made available for programs that target underage drinking. Beginning October 19, bike and unmarked vehicles patrols will be monitoring activity in the township parks, business districts and other areas where juveniles congregate. As Halloween approaches, Mr. Rudolph read a list of tips for a safe night of trick-or-treating.

Mr. Rudolph announced the Township is one of several municipalities in the County opting into a new initiative from the Delaware County District Attorney's office. In an effort to curb drug abuse in our community, Delaware County Council

received a grant for funding to place permanent medication drop boxes in public areas. Springfield Township was one of the first municipalities to request a drop box. Beginning Monday, October 21st, residents can drop off their unused prescription and over the counter medications in the drop box to be located in the lobby of the Township Building. Mr. Rudolph reminded residents not to flush drugs down the toilet. The drugs end up in our sewer system, ground water supply and back into our drinking water.

The Springfield Police Department will be holding a seminar for parents on recognizing drug use in children. Enrollment can be accomplished by contacting Officer Sean Clifton.

Mr. Rudolph announced the Springfield Fire Company will be hosting its annual Fire Prevention Open House on Friday, October 11th beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a fire apparatus display featuring fire vehicles from surrounding towns in Delaware County. The Ambulance Corps and the Police Department members will also be in attendance to educate the community on safety and crime prevention.

Mr. Rudolph reported that almost half of all house fires start in the kitchen and the majority of all kitchen fires begin with cooking that is left unattended on the stove. He read five tips to follow to avoid a fire in your kitchen.

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

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, seconded by Mr. Lanciano, the Treasurer's Report for September 2013 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1541 amending Chapter 48, Article I, entitled "Firearms"

Fire Company

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDINANCE #1541
Firearms

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ORDINANCE #1542
Park Regulations

establishing revised regulations in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, Chapter 61, for the discharge of firearms and other weapons and providing for violations and penalties. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1542 amending Chapter 89, entitled "Parks and Playgrounds," by adding supplemental park regulations on firearms to bring into compliance with the updated Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, Chapter 61. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Stop Sign

Mr. Culp read a proposed ordinance creating a four-way stop intersection at Alliston and Rose, facing eastbound and westbound traffic, Avon and Alliston facing southbound traffic and Avon and Lynn Roads facing northbound traffic. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Zoning Officer to release \$8,847.07 in the Contractor Escrow Account for the Raymour & Flanigan project, 65 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Layden moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Gasoline and Diesel to be received by November 8, 2013 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eric Jorgensen, 3830 Manayunk Avenue, Philadelphia requested the Township's support for a pardon from the governor.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)

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