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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 11, 2016 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend John Gabin of Holy Cross Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Library

Mr. Kelly announced the Library's Youth Programs Fall 2 Session will begin on Monday, October 31. The Friends of the Springfield Library thanked the Township for their support with the Fall Book Sale. The Spring Book Sale will be held April 22 – 24, 2017. Applications for the library's display windows are being accepted for 2017. Displays are placed in the windows at the beginning of each month and removed on the last day of the month.

Parks

Mrs. Sage reported the Parks Department is continuing with their weekly field maintenance of the soccer, field hockey and football fields. They performed and completed the playground safety inspection, seeded, top dressed and fertilized the soccer field at Church Road and Netherwood Parks and installed new field lights at the Memorial Park practice football field. The crew also completed all park responsibilities in the preparation and clean-up for the Springfield Community Day held on October 2nd.

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Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board met on September 22 and heard two applications. The first application by Scott Kia for sign variances at 321 Baltimore Pike was approved, and a second application requesting a setback variance to enclose a front porch at 278 Valley View Road was also approved.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler stated the Planning Commission had scheduled an October 3 meeting to hear a presentation of the Land Development application by the Springfield School District. By mutual agreement, the meeting has been rescheduled to November 10th. He noted the Planning Commission's review responsibility is part of the land development process, which does not include discussions about whether or not a new high school is built.

High School

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of October, the Health Officer inspected 9 restaurants, 10 retail establishments and performed 7 reinspections. The cafeterias at the High School, Middle School and Scenic School were also inspected.

Health

Mr. Janiczek announced the Heath Department will host its annual free rabies clinic for Springfield residents' dogs and cats from 9 – 11 am on Saturday, October 29 at the Springfield Township Public Works Garage. Dr. Beth Henry, V.M.D. of Stoney Creek Veterinary Animal Hospital will administer the vaccines.

Rabies Clinic

Dr. Janiczek announced the Township will be sponsoring a free shredding event on Saturday, October 15th from 10 AM – 1 PM.

Shredding Event

Dr. Janiczek stated the Township is currently receiving \$75 a ton for mixed paper and receives no revenue for commingled. The Township pays \$33 per ton for trash disposal, so recycling is helping to keep the cost of trash disposal down, which in turn keeps the taxes down.

Recycling

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Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of September was 3,346 bringing the year-to-date total to 25,654. Total revenue for the month of September was \$134,572, bringing the year-to-date revenue total to \$1,138,555. The golf course was opened 27 days, opened late 5 days, and closed on 3 days. There was a total of 3.42" of rain and 9 days of temperature in the 90's. The maintenance crew completed all fall course renovations, tee and fairway over-seeding and continues to make irrigation repairs.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported public skating will begin Friday, October 14th with skating every Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. All skating sessions are open to the general public.

Public Works

Mr. Lanciano reported the Highway Department is in the process of repairing and cleaning inlets throughout the Township. Line painting and heat tape installation on new paved streets was completed. They are also in the process of inspecting all of the lead collection equipment. Leaf collection begins on Monday, October 31st.

Family Fun Day

Mr. Rudolph reported on October 2 the Township had it's first Family Fun Day which was an overwhelming success with excess of 2500 attending. Next year's Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday, October 1st and will hopefully continue on the first Sunday of every October thereafter.

Run for Heroes

Mr. Rudolph reported last Sunday the annual 5K Run for Heroes was held with the funds going to support the Run for Heroes Foundation in Delaware County. The purpose of the Fund is to educate the children of fallen police, EMS and firefighters.

Fire Prevention Week

Mr. Rudolph announced the Fire Company will have their Fire Prevention Open House on Friday, October 14th beginning at 6:30 p.m. He stated that this week is National Prevention Week and this year's theme is "Don't Wait – Check the

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Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.” He also recommended residents to change their smoke alarm batteries on their birthday each year so you don’t forget.

Mr. Rudolph read a letter that was sent out to every resident in Springfield concerning the construction of a new high school. The letter explains the review process that the Township will conduct of the School District’s Land Development Plan application. He reiterated what he reported at the Board’s September meeting reminding residents that the Springfield School District and Board of Commissioners are two independently elected entities. He stated it is the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners and various Township boards to thoroughly review and comment on the proposed plans. The upcoming discussions, meetings and hearings on the proposed plan submitted by the School District will seek to mitigate any potential negative impact and balance the rights of the immediate neighbors. All the meetings will have a period for the public to provide comments on the proceedings, but as mentioned, the Township meetings will be focusing on the plans, whether they comply with the Township Codes and their impact on the immediate neighbors. The first Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for October 6th, but has now been moved to November 10th.

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

Mr. Wechsler summarized a proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Code by revising Use Regulations for TND-1 (Saxer Avenue) and TND-2 (Brookside Road) Overlay Districts. The Saxer Avenue, TND-1 Overlay District is intended to preserve and enhance this traditional walkable neighborhood and is intended to require infill and redevelopment to be similar to existing development in terms of massing, scale, height and building location. First floors

Springfield High School

BILLS SUBMITTED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Zoning Code
TND-1 & TND-2
Saxer/Brookside

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within a TND-1 Overlay District are intended to be occupied by neighborhood retail and restaurant that attract pedestrian traffic and then offices or apartments on the second floor. Brookside Road TND-2 Overlay District carries a similar legislative intent.

Mr. Wechsler announced the complete ordinance will be available in the Township Building for inspection during normal business hours. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #12-16
Public Hearing Date

Mr. Kelly moved for the adoption of Resolution #12-16 setting the time and date of the public hearing on Zoning Code amendments to be held 8:00 p.m. on December 16, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried

RESOLUTION #13-16
Disposal of Records

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, Resolution #13-16 was approved authorizing the disposal of municipal police records in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Municipalities Record Act (P.L. 428). Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

SUBDIVISION PLAN
Church of the Redeemer

Mrs. Sage moved to approved the Preliminary/Final Land Subdivision Plan for the Church of Redeemer Foundation, 19 N. Hillcrest Road, contingent upon the Township Engineer's letter of July 29, 2016. The applicant proposes to increase the size of the church property by adding a subdivided 6,451 sq. ft. parcel from the adjacent residential property. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

2017 GOLF FEES

On motion of Mr. Layden, the 2017 Springfield Country Club Golf Daily Playing Fees were approved. The daily fee rates for play before noon was increased by \$1.00, weekday play after 2 p.m. increases by \$2.00 and weekends after 2 p.m. increases by \$5.00. Outing fees and permit fees remain the same as last year. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Dr. Janiczek moved that the proper officers of the

Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for

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Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to be received no later than 10:00 am November 4, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved for the appointment of Steven Cortese, 104 Longview Road, to a unexpired term on the Planning Commission. The term expires on July 14, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Howard Lownes, Trappe, PA, 10th generation of Janes Lownes, stated he has additional information on his relative that he has put onto a new thumb drive. He asked if the Eagle Scout who will be constructing the display has begun the project. Mr. Lanciano replied the Eagle Scout has to get approval from the Scout's Council leaders to see if this project qualifies for the criteria for an Eagle Scout and that decision should be made by next week. Mr. Lownes suggested the scout look at the original display. He also asked if the original stone still exists. Mr. Lanciano replied that he believes the stone is located at the Springfield Historical Museum.

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, asked about the grant the Township received for supporting salary and benefits for new firefighter positions and length of the grant. Mr. Fulton replied that it is a Fire Company grant and is good for two years. Mr. Miller asked after the two years what are the chances to get another grant. Mr. Fulton stated based on history of this type of grant with other fire companies, there is a very good chance of of sustainability through the grant process as well. Mr. Miller complimented the fire company for doing a superb job when he had smoke in his basement.

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

PLANNING
COMMISSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT
(8:40 P.M.)