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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 12, 2021, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mmes. Sage, Messrs. Kelly, Layden, Lanciano and Kennedy. Also, present was Messrs Byrne, Fulton and Lucas.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mrs. Sage followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Layden

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the minutes of September 14, 2021, were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Hearing none the meeting continued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

ICE RINK

Mrs. Sage is happy to report that the Springfield Ice Rink is open for the first time in over a year for public skating. Skating will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:00pm till 9:30pm and Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm till 3:30pm. Admission is \$8.00 and all sessions are open to the public. The Rink is also scheduling Birthday Parties as well as ice rentals for groups, scouts and Hockey. Skating lessons are also underway with group or private lessons. To schedule an event or for more information visit [www.springfieldicerink.com](http://www.springfieldicerink.com).

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Mr. Kennedy gave the Health report for the month of September. There were five restaurants inspected, ten retail establishments, one reinspection. The Springfield High School, ET Richardson School, Sabold School, Scenic Hills School and Springfield Literacy Center were all inspected. Springfield Township will host a Rabies Shot Clinic on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 8:30am to 10:30am at the Public Works Building located at 1258 Church Road. Chips will be offered at a price of \$20 cash per animal. This service is for dogs and cats or Springfield Township residents only. Please contact Health Officer Susan Warner or Alana Cervino, Administrative Assistant at 610-544-1300 with any questions.

HEALTH

Mr. Kelly reported Public Works had four sewer emergencies during the month of September. They also had their last yard waste pick up for the year on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Beginning November 1, 2021, they will be doing leaf Collection. Due to the upcoming Veterans Day Holiday on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, trash and recycling will not be collected. Trash normally collected on Mondays and Thursdays will only be collected on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> of that week. Recycling is to be held until the following Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving day holidays on November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> there will be no trash or recycling picked up those days, trash normally collected on those days will only be collected on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> of that week. On Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm there will be a Town Hall with State Representative Jennifer O'Mara. If there are any issues of importance with the Township, please don't put on social media but call the Township Building or reach out to me through email and you will get a response.

PUBLIC WORKS

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Layden reported for the month of September, the total rounds were 4,632 bringing the year-to-date total to 32,534 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$244,458.00, bringing the course year-to-date revenue total to \$1,700,179.00. The seven-year moving average year to date is \$1,119,292.00 giving us a positive variance of \$580,887.00. The Golf shop total revenue for the month was \$13,689.00, bringing the shop's year to date total sales to \$108,516.00. The course was opened 28 days during the month. Completed all course fall aerifications and overseeding practices. Continue with course clean up of leaves, debris etc. Enlarged the practice green and constructed a new bentgrass nursery. Continue regular daily maintenance of the Country Club.

ZONING

Mr. Layden reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened a special meeting on August 26, 2021, to hear and render decisions of the following: ZH-21-03: the continuation of the application of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, LLC, The property is located in the "E" Business and TND-3 Overlay Districts and is known as 675 Baltimore Pike. ZH-21-08: Dom & Mia's, LLC, seeking a Special Exception approval to permit the use of a premises as a restaurant. The property is located in the "E" Business and TND-1 Overlay Districts and is known as 145-149 Saxer Avenue. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Regularly Scheduled Public Meeting on September 23, 2021, to hear and render decisions on the following hearing applications: ZH-21-03: The continuation of the application of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, LLC, the property is located in the "E" Business and TND-3 Overlay Districts and is known as 675 Baltimore Pike. ZH-21-08: The continuation of the application of Dom & Mia's, LLC, located at 145-149 Saxer Avenue. ZH-21-09: The application of Thomas Savage, owner/petitioner, seeks a special exception from the Zoning Ordinance to permit a garage height of 18 feet, wherein 12 feet is permitted, §143-111.1(1) (a) may permit a garage height of 18 feet as a Special Exception. The property is located in the "A" Residence District, as depicted on Zoning Map, and is known as: 153 S. Rolling Road. ZH-21-10: The application of

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674 Baltimore Pike, LLC., by their attorney, is seeking the following use determinations and/or special exception or variance from a prior Conditional Use approval and Zoning Ordinance, Sign variance and other relief necessary to permit the proposed use in accordance with the plan submitted. The property is located in the “E” Business and TND-3 Overlay and “B” Residence Districts and is known as 674 Baltimore Pike.

Mr. Lanciano reported the installation of a new Play System and a new swing set at Crowell Park. Planted shrubs and plants around the new rain garden at Meadowgreen Park. Completed all Parks Department responsibilities and Springfield Family Fun Day preparation, set up, and clean-up during and following the event. We are still awaiting final bid documents and bidding for phase two of the Springfield Trail project. Regarding Meadowgreen Park, the contractor is working toward completion of the project. Final seeding, paving, line stripping, and E&S measures to be completed by the end of next week.

On October 10, 2021, we had the Run For Heroes here at the Springfield Township Building. We had over 200 runners and we raised over \$50,000.00 which will be donated to the Run For Heroes LLC Scholarship in Delaware County, which pays for secondary education for any Firefighter, EMS or Police Officers children. This year was the 20<sup>th</sup> year for this race and on average we have raised \$45,000.00 each year that is donated to such a great cause. We had Springfield Family Fun Day on October 3, 2021. It was our 5<sup>th</sup> year. It was a great success with many Springfield residents who came out and enjoyed all the festivities and it was a good alternative from watching the Eagles game. October 31, 2021, is Halloween and Springfield Township does not pick the day, it is up to the neighbors when the kids go out. Please be careful

PARKS

PRESIDENT  
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ANNOUNCEMENT

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when driving around on Halloween with the children walking around in their costumes. Fire Prevention week is this week and the key message is “Learning the sounds of Fire Safety” Key messages for “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” include: When a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm sounds, respond immediately by exiting the home as quickly as possible. If your alarm begins to chirp, it may mean that the batteries are running low and need to be replaced. If the alarm continues to chirp after the batteries are replaced, or the alarm is more than 10 years old, it is time to replace the alarm. Test all smoke and CO alarms monthly. Press the test button to make sure the alarm is working. If there is someone in your household who is deaf or hard of hearing, install bed shaker and strobe light alarms that will alert that person to fire. Know the difference between the sound of a smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm - three beeps for smoke alarms, four beeps for carbon monoxide alarms. For more information about Fire Prevention Week, October 3 - 9, 2021, and this year’s theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety,” along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org). We have a consultant looking into our Emergency Responders, primarily our Ambulance and Fire. Volunteers for the Ambulance Corp. and Fire Companies are down. Mr. Rudolph stressed the importance of volunteerism and if anyone is interested, please reach out to the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. Volunteers are always welcome and are the lifeblood of this community.

Mr. Kelly announced that the Junior Women’s Club are hosting their annual Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00pm at the St. Francis parking lot. Judging will be from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. The parade ends at the Springfield Fire Company where there will be prizes, beverages and snacks. They are asking that everyone bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item to support a local food pantry and help with food insecurity. For more information please go to [springfieldjwc@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldjwc@gmail.com).

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Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the bills as submitted and reviewed by department heads, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BILLS  
SUBMITTED

Mr. Byrne stated at the September 14, 2021, meeting Mrs. Hoffman, Third Ward Commissioner submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of Commissioners and they accepted with regret but understood. Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the written resignation of Suzanne Hoffman, that was submitted to the Board on September 14, 2021, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried. The next step in the process was to advertise for new candidates which was done. We had six candidates and one application was withdrawn of their own choice. Interviews of candidates were then held publicly and a decision has to be made within thirty days to appoint a new Third Ward Commissioner. Keeping transparency as our guide through this process, we should then make a decision tonight. Mr. Kelly stated it was nice to see that there was so much interest in the position by so many great applicants who are willing to give back to the community. We had a great exchange of ideas. Mr. Kelly made a motion to appoint Kevin Dion to fill the unexpired term of Suzanne Hoffman, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried. Mr. Rudolph thanked all the applicants who applied for the Position and congratulated Mr. Dion.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

Appointment  
Third Ward  
Commissioner

Mr. Kennedy made a motion on recommendation of the Planning Commission at their October 7, 2021, meeting to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development plan for John J. Wechsler, 31 & 33 Shelburne Road, contingent upon compliance with all comments noted in the Township Engineers report dated October 5, 2021, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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Ms. Sage made a motion on recommendation of the Planning Commission at their October 7, 2021, meeting to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development plan for Hyundai, 754 Baltimore Pike, contingent upon compliance with all comments noted in the Township Engineers report dated October 5, 2021, and all waivers requested, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Layden made a motion to allow Pennoni Engineers to further review Act 537 so that we can get back to DELCORA with any questions, concerns or issues with any of the different plans that they are recommending. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried. President Rudolph asked Solicitor Byrne if we should have a motion on this. Solicitor Byrne explained we just received the correspondence on this and we are just gathering information and not actually making a motion to accept Act 537 at this time.

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Lanciano stated with the resignation of John Caramanico, who served on the Shade Tree Commission for many years and on his recommendation, made a motion to appoint Mr. Daniel Plank, 400 Northcroft Road, to the Shade Tree Commission for a five-year term which will expire on October 12, 2026, second by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joseph Sindoni, 566 W. Woodland Avenue, spoke in opposition to changing the Zoning Law to allow the Zoning Application for Tint World. Solicitor Byrne explained that the Zoning Hearing Board is a separate Board from the Board of Commissioners and they can not change the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board, but you do have the right to appeal the Zoning Hearing Board's decision, the timeline is thirty days in which you can appeal to the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas.

A.J. Fanelli, 1381 Nicklaus Drive, spoke in opposition of the choice of the Third Ward Commissioner.

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Mrs. Rose Fasaocco, 939 Rocklyn Road, spoke in opposition of the appointment of the Third Ward Commissioner.

Mrs. Helene Aldorasi, 2 Wildwood Ave., spoke in opposition of the appointment of the Third Ward Commissioner.

Mr. Kelly reported that there were no additional public comments received by email this evening.

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Kelly and carried. (8:50p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT