

JUNE 14, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Rudolph, Kelly, Dion, Kennedy, Lanciano,. Also, present was Messrs. Fulton, Lucas, and Byrne. Absent was Mr. Layden.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rev. Rob Ladonne, The Blue Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Lanciano.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the minutes of May 10, 2022, were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PRESENTATION
RECOGNITION
CERTIFICATES

Mr. Kelly stated what a true display of teamwork from our Springfield Police Department, Springfield Fire Department, and resident Joseph Terranova for the lifesaving efforts in saving Mr. William Evans life. The Springfield Township Board of Commissioners, along with Police Chief Joseph Daly and Fire Chief Keith Thomas expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the actions of all these fine individuals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items,

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

POOL

Mr. Kelly reported the pool membership fees were \$168,315.00, Guest fees \$1,623.00, Snack Shop Sales \$2,436.00, Miscellaneous Merchandise \$81.00 bringing the year to date revenue total to \$244,445.00. As far as the maintenance report, the pool grounds are prepared for the 2022 pool season, replastered baby pool, repaired tiles and repainted water features. Installed a new circulation pump for the main pool and river pool. Replaced pump house electrical transfer switch, installed new LED light fixtures in arcade game room and changing room. All three pools, box office and snack shop have been inspected and are fully operational. Completed all in service lifeguarding and safety training. Pool opened on Saturday, May 28th and is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30am to 8:00pm until June 14th (opening at noon), the pool will close September 5, 2022, at 3:00pm.

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

Mrs. Sage reported the Springfield Events are in full Swing with Dining on Saxer being less than 24 hours away. The forecast looks perfect, the merchants are prepared, and the Township is ready! Dining on Saxer runs from 5pm until 10pm. Along with your favorite Saxer Avenue eateries, there will be Kona Ice truck, Town Hall Provisions, the Munchy Machine food trucks. Mike Maguire will be performing live at Old Central School. For a full list of upcoming events please go to our website at www.springfielddelco.org as well as other Social Media outlets.

LIBRARY

Mr. Dion reported June 21st is the Springfield Library's Official start of Summer Quest's "Oceans of Possibilities". The first summer program special on June 28th is "Talewise:

Pirates Lost at Sea”. Be prepared to set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure. Join the fun in Bornman Hall in the Township Building at 10:00am (ages 5+). Weekly Youth Summer Programs are outside weather permitting. For more details and a complete schedule of activities at the library check out the Library website or our Facebook page.

PARKS

Mr. Kennedy reported the Parks Department has Completed the following ongoing work during the past month. The Parks Department has spent the majority of their time doing grass cutting on all fields and in all Parks and Township owned properties. Completed all parks department responsibilities in the preparation and clean-up of the Memorial Day Parade. Removed a fallen tree from the Springfield Trail at the Lewis Road entrance, removed damaged and hazardous trees from the top of Jane Lownes Park on Kennerly Road. Continuing with weekly trash removal in all Parks and Township owned properties.

ZONING

Mr. Kennedy reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened a Public Meeting on May 26, 2022. The application of Target Corporation, ZH-22-01, was continued at the applicant’s request.

ZH-22-05: The Board approved the amended Application of Larry Johnson, owner, to permit the construction of a two story addition having a minimum side yard of 7 feet. The property is located in the “A” Residence District, as depicted on Zoning Map and is known as: 314 Holt Lane.

The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Public Meeting on June 23, 2022, at 7:30pm at the Township Building, 50 Powell Road, to hear and render a decision on the following Zoning hearing applications:

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ZH-22-01: The continuation of the Application for Target Corporation, 857 Baltimore Pike, seeking variances for parking and signage. The Property is located in the Shopping Center – 1 and Traditional Neighborhood Development – 3 Overlay Zoning Districts and is known as 857 Baltimore Pike.

ZH-22-06: The application of Dawit Sahle, Owner, is seeking the following variances to permit the construction of an above ground pool and attached deck in the side yard setback of a corner lot. The applicant also seeks confirmation of an existing 4’ high fence in a nonconforming location and approval to replace a portion of the fence with a 6’ high privacy fence in the same nonconforming location. The property is located in the B Residence district, and is known as 267 Ridgewood Road.

AMBULANCE
REPORT

Mr. Lanciano gave an Ambulance report for the month of May. During the month of May, Springfield Ambulance Corp. responded to 201 emergencies, medical calls: 194, fire calls: 7, calls taken between the hours of 7am & 7pm: 192, calls taken between 7pm & 7am: 69. The total hours given by our volunteers for the month of May were 2,159 hours and for the past twelve months there was a total of 23,888 hours. The location of the emergencies are as follows: Springfield:164, Marple: 15, Swarthmore: 10, Morton: 3, Nether Providence: 3, Upper Providence: 3, Media:1, Rutledge:1 and Upper Darby:1. Community Initiatives, William Myers and George Plank Scholarship, last year the Springfield Ambulance Corp. created a second scholarship, the William Myers Scholarship was awarded to Attica Christopher and the Greg Plank Scholarship was awarded to Adam Henry. They are both studying Physical Therapy. The Springfield Ambulance Corp. donated an ice machine to the Springfield Fire Company. Safety tips: As heat temperatures rise, it is very important to stay hydrated to avoid heat stroke.

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PRESIDENT
RUDOLPH'S
ANOUNCEMENT

Mr. Rudolph gave a fire report. June is the month that we begin our summer activities, entertaining family and friends. Outdoor barbequing is usually performed in the summer months. Cooking fires are still the leading cause of fires in the United States. When using your barbeque grills, follow these safety tips: Use the grill away from any combustibles while cooking, ie., vinyl siding, shrubs, sheds, wood decks. Use only charcoal lighter fluid when lighting charcoal briquettes. Open the lid when lighting any barbeque grill. If the grill catches fire, do not open the lid. Allow the charcoal briquettes to completely cool before disposing of ashes. Close the cylinder valve on the propane cylinder when not in use.

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Dion made a motion to approve the bills as submitted by the department heads, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

Second Reading of
Proposed Ordinance
#1620 Landswap
Agreement

Mr. Kennedy read the second reading of Proposed Ordinance #1620; to Permit exchange of Lot 1 at Parks Building to School District for the Park owned by the school District located at 200 Saxer Avenue.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mr. Kelly read the second reading of Proposed Ordinance #1622, Chapter 77 Noise Ordinance Modifying the times allowed to start for Landscapers, Contractors, etc. Mr. Kelly asked Mr. Lucas to post on the Springfield Township Website and social media. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Mrs. Sage made a motion to grant the Extension request for the Estates of Coventry Woods L.P., Application for Phase 2A Subdivision and Land Development until the regularly scheduled Commissioners Meeting on August 9, 2022. In the event a further extension is required, we will grant it. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Lanciano reported that Crozer/Prospect Health closed their hospital and emergency room in Springfield. Solicitor James Byrne and Mr. Lanciano have met with the CEO to discuss the situation and the CEO assured us that they did not want to close the facility and that it was due to a shortage of nurses. Mr. Byrne and myself have followed up with various emails but have not received any response to date. The Township does have an agreement/ordinance with the existing owner of the hospital which states that they have to maintain an emergency room 24/7. Mr. Lanciano stated the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners would like to make a motion to authorize the Solicitor to research and if

Second Reading of
Proposed Ordinance
#1622 Chapter 77
Noise Ordinance

Estates of Coventry
Woods Phase 2 -
Extension Letter

Motion, Prospect Health
Emergency Room

necessary, file suit against Prospect Health to compel the continuation of the Emergency Room facility at Springfield Hospital. Second by Mr. Kennedy and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion-
Proposed Ordinance
#1623 General Bond
Series 2022

Mr. Dion stated Springfield Township is about to retire the financial obligation bond that we have had for a while, the proposed ordinance/motion we have here will provide the Township the flexibility going forward, bond counsel. We have some infrastructure improvements that are needed and the proposed ordinance and motion support that. Mr. Dion made a motion to approve Ordinance #1623 General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2022. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Proposed Ordinance
#1621 Zoning
Amendment Change Use

Mrs. Sage made a motion to approve the amended Proposed Ordinance# 1621, Zoning Amendment, change from Municipal use to School District Use. Second by Mr. Kennedy and carried. Mr. Byrne, Solicitor stated that this amendment/ordinance has to do with Wagner Wayside Park and the park located at 200 Saxer Avenue. Part of Wagner Wayside Park was used for Springfield Township's Parks Department, the building was allowed to be used as a municipal use. We have now received permission to trade fields for the newly created lot that we subdivided so the part that looks like a park will remain a park, the other part where the Parks Building was will be used as a maintenance building for the newly erected High School Building and then we in return will get Old Central Field for municipal use. This is a Zoning Amendment that allows Municipal use and we have to have a hearing on that on July 12, 2022, prior to the Board of Commissioners meeting for anyone who would like to comment. We will incorporate in the ordinance that this use will remain the type of use that it was used for and add language in our ordinance that will not allow a Salt Bin on this property.

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Mr. John Houghton, 646 Prospect Road, expressed disapproval with the Springfield Country Club Pool and the fact that there are no shower curtains, and he was told when he joined that he could not stay and that he could come back in two to three days after his payment cleared but he paid in cash.

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT