

SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 2022, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rev. Bob Novak, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Layden.

PRESENTATION
LIFEGUARD SAVES

Mr. Jim Simpson, from the Springfield Country Club spoke about what a good pool season we had and gave an overview of the different tasks that the Lifeguards must do. In addition to their tasks, they are also mandated in Pennsylvania to get certification which they pay for themselves. This past summer we had a total of 1,662 resident members, 2,800 guests and there were numerous days throughout the summer there were 600 guests or more at the pool at one time which is a lot for the lifeguards and everyone who works at the pool to handle. Before presenting the awards, Mr. Simpson acknowledged everyone who worked at the pool, Mrs. Christina Hess, pool manager for an outstanding job this summer and then presented awards to the lifeguards, Elizabeth Ross, Andrew McCoach, Carly Henderson and Monika DiSpirito for performing life-saving actions during the 2022, pool season. President Rudolph reiterated what Mr. Simpson said and thanked the Lifeguards for their lifesaving actions and all their hard work and dedication to the Springfield Country Club pool this season.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of August 9, 2022, were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

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

None

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

Mr. Kelly gave the end of season pool report. The revenue fees are as follows: membership fees \$327,550.00, guest fees \$37, 282.00, Swim Lessons \$1,660.00, merchandise \$755.00, snack bar sales \$46,006.00 and swim team \$750.00. The end of year revenue total was \$414,003.00.

Mr. Kelly gave an Ice Rink Report, the Springfield Ice Skating Rink opened last week during the hot weather with cold hard ice. All the hockey teams are back, High School, Elementary, and in house along with the Men's League. Public Skating begins October 14th. Open Ice and the game room are also available for Birthday Parties and Group Skates. Please visit the rink website at Springfieldicerink.com for more information.

Mrs. Sage gave a Social Events report, we had a spectacular summer with some amazing events starting with Dining on Saxer, Food Truck Festival with the band LeConte. A good time was had by all. We have a few more events happening, first being Springfield Family Fun Day also known as Springfield Rocks, October 2, 2022, from 11:00am-4:00pm. and Delaware County Run for Heroes which will be held on October 9, 2022, at 9:00am. The Delco Run for Heroes is a Annual 5K run/walk which provides scholarships to children of Police, Fire and Emergency Service Responders who have died in the line of duty. There will be more information to come on social media and our website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

POOL

ICE RINK
COMMUNITY

SOCIAL EVENTS

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HEALTH

Mr. Dion gave the monthly Health Report and reported there were 9 restaurant inspections, 8 retail establishment inspections, with two re-inspections. One citation was issued for a sewage back up in one of the restaurants and some miscellaneous items. There was one animal bite and two animal nuisance issues. The fourth Household Hazardous Waste collection is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Upper Chichester township building, 8500 Furey Road, Upper Chichester. Pre-registration is required at www.delcohhw.eventbrite.com or call the Delco Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9627.

LIBRARY

Mr. Dion gave the monthly Library Report and reported the library is the proud recipient of (10) STEM kits created and donated by Hannah Brady of Springfield. The ten (10) kits were made as part of Hannah's Girl Scout Gold Award project to inspire kids to be interested in STEM. Hanna is a Girl Scout with Troup #5783. Drop in to be prepared. Stop by the Springfield Library program room anytime between 1:00-3:30pm on Wednesday, September 14th as members of the Citizen Corps of Delaware County will be here to answer questions, give out important information and demonstrate how to pack your family Emergency "Go-Bag". Throughout the month of September, we also have a table in the lobby with Emergency Preparedness information. As of September 6th, we are back in full swing with our Fall 1 series which runs until October 14th. Weather permitting the following programs will be held in the park: Prewalkers circle, Creative Babies, Toddler Time and Preschools. A complete schedule of Library Activities can be found at www.springfieldtwplib.org/events, or our Facebook page, visit the Library or call 610-544-2113.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Layden read the Public Works Report for the month of August and noted the for Municipal waste there was 918.19 tons, paper recycling 85.6 tons, commingling recycling 67.73 tons, bulk waste 40.38 tons, TV, air conditioners, refrigerators 0.56 tons, and yard waste 0 tons. The final yard waste collection for 2022 will be on September 21, 2022. Leaf

collection will begin the week of October 31, 2022. Due to the upcoming Columbus Day Holiday on Monday, October 10th trash and recycling will not be collected. Trash normally collected on Mondays and Thursdays will only be collected on Thursday, October 13th of that week. Recycling is to be held until the following Monday, October 17, 2022. The Highway is currently painting crosswalks and intersections throughout the Township. We are replacing Street signs, stop signs, etc. Please feel free to contact our department if you see a crosswalk or any other area that is in need of new markings. The annual paving program is currently in progress.

Mr. Layden read the Golf Course Report for the month of August, the total rounds were 5,247 bringing the year-to-date total to 29,479 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$296,066.00, bringing the year-to-date revenue total to \$1,586,490.00. The seven-year moving average was \$1,036,085.00 which gives us a positive variance of \$550,405.00. The Golf Shop's total revenue was \$18,802.00 dollars, bringing the shop's year to date total golf sales to \$111,043.00. Due to extreme heat in August, much of the time has been spent hand watering dry spots and managing turf diseases, completed turfgrass renovations and aerification of greens, tees, and fairways, continue turfgrass renovations on green surrounds and outer areas. Completed all Country Club storm damage responsibilities. Regular daily maintenance continues.

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Kennedy reported the Parks Department has completed the following ongoing work during the past month. Graded and seeded around new bathroom facility at Church Rd. Park, completed all Parks Department responsibilities regarding the preparation and clean-up of the Townships food truck event, completed tree trimming along Township properties on Farmhouse Circle, Kellie Lane, N. Highland Road, and in Spring Valley and Pensdale Parks. Ground stumps in Church Road, Pensdale and Jane Lownes parks. Installed new split rail fence and entrance bollards at New Netherwood Park. Continuing with weekly trash removal and grass cutting in all Parks, and Township owned properties.

PARKS

ZONING

Mr. Kennedy reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened a Public Meeting on September 8, 2022, to hear and render a decision on the following:

ZH-22-10: The Board heard testimony on the amended zoning application of Floor and Décor, seeking variances to redevelop the property with an 81,688 SF one story retail building and accessory improvements. The applicant had petitioned for sign variances but bifurcated and deferred that portion of their application until a later date. The property is located in the “E” Business District, as depicted on the Zoning Map, and is known as 750 W. Sproul Road.

Mr. Kennedy reported the Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Public Meeting on September 22, 2022, at 7:30PM in the Springfield Township Building, 50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA 19064, for the purpose of persons who care to be heard for or against the following application(s):

ZH-22-01: The application of Target Corporation, 857 Baltimore Pike was continued at the applicant’s request.

ZH-22-08: The continued application of Peter George Mylonas, Esq., on behalf of Amar Realty Company, owner, seeking a special exception and/or Amendment to Zoning Decree ZH-184-83 to permit detailing and waxing of automobiles in conjunction with the use of the premises. The Property is located in the “E” Business and TND-3 Overlay Zoning Districts and is known as 400 Baltimore Pike.

ZH-22-11: The application of Chris Darabant, owner, is seeking a Special Exception pursuant to §143-111.I(1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a garage height of 15’-7”, wherein 12 feet is permitted. The Property is located in the “B” Residence District, as depicted on the Zoning Map, and is known as 114 Netherwood Drive.

ZH-22-12: The application of Estates at Coventry Woods, L.P., owner, by their attorney, requests Special

Exceptions and Variances from the Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of the Phase 2A.1 portion of the development consisting of 28 Townhouses and related improvements. The property is located in the “A” Residence and TND-5 Overlay Districts as depicted on Zoning Map, and is known as 351 N. State Road.

AMBULANCE
REPORT

Mr. Lanciano stated prior to reading the report for August he gave an overview of the Springfield Ambulance Corp., and stated they are a volunteer organization and is separate and autonomous from the Township, they are self sufficient and funded by the solicitation drive and insurance reimbursements. The Board of Commissioners has a good working relationship with the Ambulance Corp., and we continue to strive to gain better efficiency’s on how we serve the Springfield residents. Mr. Lanciano stated for the month of August, the Springfield Ambulance Corp. responded to 178 emergencies, 156 medical calls, 22 fire calls, the locations are as follows, Springfield 129, Upper Darby 13, Marple 10, Morton 7, Swarthmore 7, Clifton Heights 3, East Lansdowne 1, Folcroft 1, Lansdowne 1, Media 1, Nether Providence 1, Ridley 1, Rutledge 1, Tinicum 1, and Upper Providence 1. The Springfield Ambulance Corp. is involved with the Delaware County Mutual Aid in which we respond to other Townships who need assistance. The annual fund drive has been mailed out so please keep an eye out in your mail for important notices. Please listen to the weather reports and the different safety warnings. The total number of volunteer hours for the ambulance corp. is 2,197 hours for the month and for the year is 24,541 hours.

President Rudolph announced the Fire Company safety Message. As we approach the end of summer there are different Chores that are completed to prepare our households. When Storing items until next summer, follow these safety tips: Read labels on products and follow the manufactures recommendations for storing, keep chemicals out of reach of

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children, clean and store your barbeque grill. If your grill has a propane cylinder store you cylinder outside. Store all gasoline operated equipment empty. Volunteerism is dropping and we are seeing less and less volunteers for both the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. Please be conscious of this, it is a real concern.

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mrs. Sage made a motion to approve the bills as Submitted by the department heads, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #1624
Chapter 119 Stormwater
Management Ordinance
Update

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adopt the amendments made to the existing Chapter 119 Stormwater Management Ordinance that were recommended by Delaware County in accordance with Pennsylvania law. I so move second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Minimum Municipal
Obligation for Police
Pension and Civilian
Pension

Mr. Dion read a motion stating that Springfield Township authorizes the approval of the Township's 2023 Minimum Municipal obligation for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. The Police Pension Plan has been budgeted \$1,764,661.00. The Non-Uniformed Pension Plan has been budgeted at \$446,950.00. I so move second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Lanciano made a motion to approve Resolution 13-22 for a Normal Retirement benefit to be based on two percent (2%) of the Participant's Final Average Compensation multiplied by the Participant's Final Average Compensation multiplied by the Participant's Years of Credited Service. Normal Retirement – a participant who is eligible for normal Retirement benefits shall receive an annual pension, payable Monthly, which is the Actuarial Equivalent of a 5-year certain Life annuity, commencing at this Normal Retirement Date, equal to two percent (2%) of the Participant's Final Average Compensation multiplied by the Participant's years of Credited Service. I so move, second by Mr. Layden and Carried.

Resolution 13-22
Civilian Employees
Pension Plan

Mr. Layden made a motion to approve Resolution 14-22 Amending the Defined Contribution Pension Plan for the Non-Uniformed Employees of Springfield Township, Delaware County. The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Delaware County, PA, hereby amends and replaces Article III, Section 3.01 TOWNSHIP Contributions of the Defined Contribution Pension Plan for full-time non-uniform employees hired on or after January 1, 2010, as follows: The Township shall contribute, on behalf of each member who was a member on the last day of a plan year, an amount equal to the fixed percentage of his compensation for such plan year, as has been established by the Board and which may, from time to time, be changed by the Board. The current level as of January 1, 2023, is seven percent (7%) for all employees. Should the Township, for any reason, fail to make a contribution as provided for herein, then such deficiency shall be made up in subsequent years. The Township, at its own discretion may contribute more than the fixed percentage. However, any additional contributions would be distributed on an equal basis. I so move, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Resolution 14-22
Defined Contribution
Pension Plan

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Introduction to
Ordinance #1625

Mr. Kennedy gave an introduction to Ordinance #1625 Land Swap agreement between Springfield Township and the Springfield School District. Springfield Township will be getting the property across from the Fire Station and the School District will be getting the old Parks Building, at 84 Saxer Avenue. We are waiting on information from Delaware County Recorder of deeds to authorize the execution and delivery of the deed for the subdivided parcel of 84 Saxer Avenue which will be transferred to the School District. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to put Ordinance #1625 on the agenda for the October 11, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting, seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Lafreniere, 4 Windsor Circle, thanked the Board of Commissioners and Springfield Township, for ongoing work with the Parks department and for the quality of life with the pool and golf course in Springfield Township. She commended the township for the award for Tree City USA for the past 30 years. Raised concerns about the safety i.e., speeding, signage, no painted sidewalks, no painted walkways, parking issues and how it changed the aesthetics of the street, noise, dirt, etc..

Mr. Layden spoke and said he was the contact person. We met with SEPTA and their engineer our engineer, parks, field manager and horticulturist. Met with SEPTA they are extending the fence 270 feet down so people will not be able to cut through. As far as the lighting, it was ordered and shipped and has not been delivered yet, plantings are going to be replanted, our parks and field department will do hornbeams and flowering plums trees and bushes which will make it look nicer. Will work with SEPTA on the upkeep. There is a Scheduled outage with the trolley for October 1 and 2 to get everything done. The reason for parking was because the amount of cars for people getting on the trolley were parking on brookside road so Septa put those

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spots in to alleviate the problem with parking on Brookside. We are trying to get PADOT on board which will makes things Safer, unfortunately PADOT works slow but we are working on it.

Nick Berrardi, 6 Windsor Circle, lived there 48 years. Safety concerns, with the trees that have been removed and Parking changes.

Mr. Fulton stated that they are going to add a Bump out to make a more defined right turn once you cross the trolley tracks on Springfield Rd. and go right onto N. Rolling Road, it will be more aesthetically pleasing with planters, flowers and some color.

John Tarves, 4 Windsor Circle, said they did reach out to Senator Kearney's office and Representative O'Mara's office and did get responses. Concerns with safety, noise, lack of trees and no color or landscaping. Will be there to do what ever needs to be done to bring back the beauty of our homes and thanked the Board of Commissioners for there assistance.

Mr. Kelly did speak about when the Brookside Rd., project first started, we spoke about the details noted this evening, but PADOT was not in agreement which held the project up.

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Layden, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

ADJOURNMENT