

DECEMBER 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, December 13, 2022, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Deacon Diana Esposito, Covenant United Methodist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Layden.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kelly the minutes of December 13, 2022, were approved as submitted. Second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

ZONING

Mr. Kelly reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened a Public Meeting on November 17, 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-22-10-B: The Board approved the application of Floor and Décor. The property is located in the "E" Business district and is known as 750 W. Sproul Road. The

Application of Floor and Décor, by their attorney, was for seeking sign variances from the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Kelly gave the ice rink report and noted the following this past Saturday morning, 12-10-2022, a driver looking for a parking space, for a wedding at the Country Club, drove into the side of the building. The party room to be exact. A third of his pick-up-truck made it into the building. Thank God no one was hurt. The room was almost empty at that time. Quick work by all involved, evacuated the party room and temporary repairs were made to secure the building. The rink remains open with the party room off limits. The room will be available by the end of the week. Mr. Kelly thanked Mr. Artese on behalf of his wife for an outstanding job in helping with DCIU, the STEM program sitting on a panel with regards to Computer Science and how it plays a role in how the traffic signals work around town. To schedule a party, ice rental or to view our Holiday Schedule please visit our site at Springfieldicerink.com.

ICE RINK

Mrs. Sage gave a report and said what a great event the The Springfield Fire Company had at their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 4, 2022, on Saxer Avenue. It was a great night and if you didn't attend this year, mark your calendars for next year. The Giving Tree is still at the Springfield Township Building lobby and we are accepting donations Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30pm through December 15, 2022. All donations will go to the Blessed Virgin Mary School and Mother's Home both located in Darby. We are already Planning for the 2023 season, Dining on Saxer, Movie Night, Concerts in the park, food truck events are all expected to be back better than ever in 2023. Keep an eye out on Social Media for the upcoming events and pray for some Irish blessings for good weather for our St. Patrick's Day Parade.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENTS

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HEALTH

Mr. Dion gave the monthly Health Report for November and reported there were eight restaurant inspections, five retail establishment inspections, with three re-inspections. One citation was issued to one of the establishments. ETR School was inspected. There were no dog bites and one rodent/unsanitary condition. We have good news, in 2021, Springfield submitted a 902 Recycling Grant and was recently awarded \$129,452.00. Since these funds must be spent on recycling equipment, it will be applied to purchase a new 20-yard Recycling Vehicle, along with our well-known yellow recycling bins. Springfield residents do a terrific job with recycling for those new to our town put cardboard & mixed papers into the rectangular yellow bin and commingled materials go in the upright yellow container. **Do not use plastic bags.** If additional recycling bins are needed, Springfield provides these receptacles free of charge and can be picked up at the Township or Public Works Building during regular business hours.

LIBRARY

Mr. Dion gave the Library Report for November and reported a big thank you to the DK Duo, Dylan McGuire and Kristen Conrad who shared their musical talents with us. Youth Services Fall session II programs ended on December 9th. Winter Session 1 will pick back up on January 3rd for all our popular programs for children from birth through 2nd grade. Please check out the new beginning time which will be 9:45am instead of 10:00am. We are adding a second program at 10:30am for Creative Babies, and Toddler Time. The Library now has Hoopla a streaming service that includes movies, music, e-audio, e-books and more. This is available to all Springfield residents. All you need is a Library card. For a complete list of adult and youth programs, visit our website at www.springfieldtwplib.org or call 610-543-2113.

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Layden gave the Golf Report for the month of November, the total rounds were 1,896 bringing the year to date total to 38,789 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$103,992.00, bringing the year-to-date revenue total to \$2,139,668.00. The seven-year moving average for this time was \$1,442,989.00 for a positive of \$696,679.00. The Golf Shop total revenue for the month of November was \$8,171.00, bringing the shop's year to date total sales to \$150,224.00. The club house mums and pumpkins have been pulled and replaced with holiday lighting and displays. The complete irrigation system has been drained down and blown out to prevent winter ice damage. Began preparing the course for the Winter months, continue with daily course clean-up of leaves, pinecones and debris. Regular daily maintenance of the golf course continues.

President Rudolph gave s safety message from the Springfield Fire Company. Unfortunately, December is a Month that the Fire Company has responded to serious and devastating fires especially around the holidays. To have Happy and Safe Holidays with your families utilize these National Fire Protective Association's Fire Safety Tips:

1. When using candles, keep children, pets, and decorations away from lit candles. Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Use battery candles as an option.
2. Lighting decorations, replace any lights or extension Cords with worn or broken cords. "When in doubt, Throw them out", use decorations per the manufacturer's recommendations for indoor or outdoor use.
3. Christmas Trees, keep three feet from heating sources And add water to the tree daily. Dried trees are a danger indoors.
4. Turn off lights strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
5. When cooking, stay in the kitchen.
6. Do not block exits with decorations or presents in the event of an emergency.
7. Test your smoke alarms and CO alarms monthly.

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BILLS SUBMITTED

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AWARD OF BIDS

Mrs. Sage stated that Springfield Township received one sealed bid on December 9, 2022, to deliver 87 Octane Gasoline & Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel Fuel to the Township from 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023. A recommendation was made to award the bid to Riggins, Inc. of Vineland, NJ, the lowest responsible bidder meeting or exceeding the bid specifications. Mrs. Sage made a motion to award the bid to Riggins, Inc. of Vineland, NJ, I so move, second by Mr. Dion and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize 2023
Golf Fees

On motion of Mr. Layden, the 2023 Golf Course Playing Fees and Permit Fees were approved with the exception of the league fees which we will revisit and discuss at a later time, I so move. Weekdays before 2:00pm daily fees are increased by \$2.00, Weekday Twilight are increased by \$1.00, Weekend and Holidays before 2:00pm increased \$4.00, Weekend Twilight increased \$1.00, Weekday/Weekend Carts stayed the same, Outings went from \$67./\$78 to \$69./\$80.. Seconded by Mr. Dion and carried.

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Mr. Dion made a motion to approve the Preliminary Final plan for the Floor & Décor application, 750 W. Sproul Road, subject to satisfaction with the Township Engineers report dated December 12, 2022, satisfaction of the comments of the Township Engineer and PADOT related to traffic and traffic signals at that location, completion of the easement agreement as described by Mr. Angelos, Esq., on behalf of the owner at 760 Sproul Road, and the email sent to the Township Solicitor and Amy Farrell who is counsel for Floor & Décor, Dated December 13, 2022. I so move, second by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Kelly wanted to add with regards to the motion for Floor & Décor and pursuant to discussions regarding certain PADOT requirements, the Township is not obligated to undertake any obligations pursuant to whatever requirements PADOT may impose upon the applicant.

Mr. Byrne said in addition to what Mr. Kelly spoke about, Amy Farrell represents the applicants, and could not be present this evening. As Mr. Dion stated we have had many meetings, discussions with the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and other meetings, about this application amending the plan some and trying to get the plan to a point where we have the Township's best interests at hand. Mrs. Farrell sent her partner Mr. Broseman to cover for her and some of the Floor & Décor people are here as well. Mr. Broseman stated there was One comment regarding traffic relating to green space on the One island. We will work that out separately.

MOTION
Floor & Décor
Preliminary/Final
Land Development Plan
750 W. Sproul Road

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RECOMMENDATION
Chief Daly
Personnel Matter

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve Chief Daly's recommendation to have a three (3) day suspension of a police officer for violation of department policies. I so move, second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Appointment to
Conservation Committee

Mr. Dion made a motion to appoint Mr. Steven Shaw, 941 Westdale Place to the Conservation Committee for a three (3) year term which will expire on 12/13/2025. I so move, second by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a safe New Year. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

