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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, April 11, 2023, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

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

PROCLAMATIONS/
COMMENDATIONS

State Representative Jennifer O'Mara and Senator Kearney were in attendance to present Springfield Township with the Pennsylvania State Grant for HVAC Upgrades. President Rudolph and the Board of Commissioners thanked both State Representative O'Mara and Senator Kearney for the grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for repairs and upgrades to the Municipal Building.

SPRINGFIELD HIGH
SCHOOL SWIM TEAM
State Champions-
Medalists'

Mr. Kennedy presented to the Springfield High School Swim Team members Certificates of recognition for their outstanding accomplishments in the sport of swimming. Mr. Kennedy stated how proud he and the Board of Commissioners are of the Springfield High School PIAA State Champions in Swimming.

HUNTER LONG
AWARD

Mr. Steve Burns, Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade Chairman was in attendance as well as Art and Jim Hunter to present the Hunter Long Award to the Springfield High School Marching Band for their outstanding performance at the Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade held on March 11, 2023. Mr. Rudolph and the Board of Commissioners thanked Mr. Burns and the entire Parade Committee for all the hard work that goes into the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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VOLUNTEER TAX
INCENTIVE

Commissioner Dion and Sage stated they have a great honor tonight and how much the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners and all of Springfield Township support the volunteers in Springfield Township, i.e., Fire Co., Ambulance Corp., EMS. They are tremendous and they hold the Township Together, they give their time, efforts and sacrifices for all the Springfield Residents. This program enables volunteers of the Springfield Fire Co., and Springfield Ambulance Corps., to submit for a rebate for their Municipal taxes. Volunteers must meet criteria established by their respective agency, which qualifies them for a return of up to \$1,000.00. The volunteers are: Ed Abel, Jr., Chuck Applegate, Vince Berry, Brian Bretherick, Matt Carango, Chris Colburn, John Croce, Ken Felker, Will Ferry, Tom Foran, Joe Jardine, Anthony Owens, Ryan Ranieri, Jack Redding, Aiden Sceno, Bob Smythe, Jr., Bob Smythe, Sr., Keith Thomas, Rich Henshey, Samantha Tarsia, Ruth Von Minden, Ed Gottwig, Karen Byington, Dave McHenry, Nicholas Spadea. Mr. Rudolph stated these are the people who come out and spend thousands of hours of time training so they can be called out in the middle of the night to save someone or to put a fire out. Thank you to each and every one of them.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of March 14, 2023, were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Dion and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Elizabeth Mason, 753 Parker Lane, asked about the status of the possibility of returning the emergency room to Springfield Hospital. Mr. Lanciano stated the Township has been dealing with Mr. Anthony Esposito who is the CEO of Crozier. There are negotiations going on right now to get the facility back up and running without an emergency room. They are talking about doing an outpatient facility like Britton Lake, where there will be an orthopedic service and also have

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an urgent care. There are negotiations that have to be made yet. We are not going to rescind the deed restrictions which requires them to have an emergency room until we are sure they are going to follow through with what they said. We are trying to do the best we can for the residents. It has been difficult dealing with that entity. We want the building to be back up and running, it will be a vibrant part of our community, I am just not sure if it will be a hospital.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

ICE RINK

Mr. Kelly gave the Ice Rink Report and noted the following. Mr. Artese stated we had a very successful season financially and we hope for the same next year. In addition to the normal painting, cleaning and minor repairs, Mr. Artese has budgeted some projects for the long term, the new Zamboni will be taken away to be serviced at an area in North Jersey. Mr. Artese does this every year by alternating machines to try to avoid any repair problems. We purchased a new scoreboard system, the present system is thirty years old and parts are hard to come by. The new system will be more efficient with LED lights and low maintenance, he purchased forty pairs of rental skates, to replace older damaged ones. Routine work will be done on one of the pumps in the refrigeration room, routine maintenance. The Ice Rink closes May 6, 2023. The online application for the pool should be up and running on the website and on social media.

COMMUNITY
SOCIAL EVENTS
REPORT

Today's beautiful weather has us thinking of summer so what better time to announce this year's summer event series!! The summer events unofficially get started on Thursday, June 1, 2023, when the Springfield Library presents a live performance in the amphitheater from DK DUO. This

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guitar/piano “acoustic” duo plays a variety of music across different genres. The Springfield School district Jazz bands will perform Jazz Under the Stars on Saturday, June 3. The summer event series officially kicks off on Wednesday, June 21st with the extremely popular Dining on Saxer and Another Dining on Saxer is scheduled for July 19th. The Newspaper Taxis, is scheduled to play on Wednesday, June 28th, Catholic Community Choir will be performing on Wednesday, August 9th. There are two movie nights scheduled, July 12th and August 1st. We will have an end of summer Blowout Food Truck event with a live performance from LeCompt on Wednesday, August 16th. We will be adding more trucks this year. Springfield Family Fun Day/Springfield Rocks is scheduled for October 1. This year’s event will coincide with the Springfield Fire Company’s open house. The annual Run for Heroes 5k run/walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 8. More information on events will be available on the Township Facebook page.

HEALTH

Mr. Dion gave the monthly Health Report for March, and reported eleven restaurants and six retail establishments were inspected, SHS, Sabold and Scenic schools were inspected and one reinspection at Paneras. Miscellaneous items were barking dogs, cleaning up after Your Dog and two complaints with loose dogs. The first Household Hazardous Waste collection for 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at the Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Darby. Pre-registration is Required for all collection events, go to <https://delcohhw.eventbrite.com> to register. Springfield is proud to have made recycling an important component of our overall environmental protection program. Each ton of recycled paper can save: 17 trees, 380 gallons of gasoline, 4,000 kilowatts of energy and 7,000 gallons of water. This Represents the following savings: 64% energy, 58% water and 60 pounds less air pollution.

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LIBRARY

Mr. Dion gave the Library Report, Youth Programs, winter session II ended April 6th. The spring session will start Monday, April 24th with our usual story times for young people from birth through 2nd grade. STEM: Exploration Stations, Thursdays 4:00pm for K through 2nd grade and Tuesdays at 4:00pm for 3rd through 5th grades. Longwood Gardens Community Reads with Crystal Murphy Music. Wednesday, April 12, 6:30pm. Call the Library or visit our website for more details. Registration is required for all events. A complete Schedule of Activities at the Library can be found at www.springfieldtwplib.org.

CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE

Mr. Dion mentioned that the Conservation Committee will host a Bird Watching Event on May 13, 2023, at 8:00am, at Walsh Park.

PARKS

Mr. Kennedy gave the Parks Report for the month of March and reported completed excavation for a new Bocce Court at Church Rd. Park, installation of the court will begin this week. Removed trees that fell during recent storms in Memorial, and Crowell Parks. Tree removal completed for parking lot at Crowell Park. Construction on the Pkg. lot should start within the next couple of weeks. Edged, weeded, and mulched gardens and trees at the Municipal Lot, Central Field, Township Building, Brookside Road, Saxer Avenue, and the medial strip on State Road. Replaced bench boards at the Basketball Court in Williams Park., started weekly cutting of playing fields and continuing with weekly trash removal in all Parks & Township owned properties. April 28, 2023, is Arbor Day. The Parks Department and Garden Club will be planting a tree at the Township Building to celebrate the day. Springfield will be presented with the Tree City USA Award for the 31st consecutive year. The tree planting will take place at 10:00am.

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ZONING

Mr. Kennedy gave the Building Regulations and Zoning Committee monthly report and stated that there were no hearings scheduled in March. The Zoning Hearing will convene a Public Meeting on April 27, 2023, at 7:30p.m., at the Township Building, 50 Powell Road, to hear and render a decision on the following zoning hearing application: ZH:23-05: The Application of Lidya Nenih and Pechteang Loa, owners/petitioners, are seeking variances from the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance of 2010, as amended to permit /maintain two concrete patios: 1)§143-16.A(6) to permit a rear yard setback of 2’-6”, wherein 25’ is required. 2) §143-16.A(7) to permit a side yard setback of 0’ from the side lot line fronting Colonial Park Drive, wherein 20’ is required. 3) §143-16.A(4) to permit the impervious surface coverage of the lot to be 45% wherein 40% is maximum. The property is located in the “A” Residence District, as depicted on the Zoning Map and is known as 28 Colonial Park Drive.

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Layden gave the Golf Course Report and stated the total rounds for the month of March were 2,107, bringing the year to date total to 5,569 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$102,306.00 bringing the year-to-date total to \$253,008.00, the seven-year moving average for this time of year will be \$107,500, giving us a positive variance of \$145,508.00. The Golf Shop total revenue for the month of March was \$10,344.00 and the year-to-date total was \$24,168.00. Completed winter equipment maintenance and repairs. All Country Club gardens have been cleaned out, edged, treated and mulched, 17th hole fairway and green side sand trap restoration has been completed, completed all Country Club winter storm cleanup responsibilities and Started daily seasonal course maintenance practices. Daily Course updates and more information can be found on our Website at, springfieldgolf.org and or on our Facebook page, Springfield Country Club Golf or call the golf shop at 610-543-9860.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Layden gave the Public Works report for the month of March and reported the following: there was 755.22 tons of Municipal waste, 85.97 tons of paper recycling, 76.91 tons of Commingling recycling and 28.42 tons of Bulk waste. Mr. Layden echoed Mr. Dion's statement about recycling and stressed how important it is to Springfield Township and our environment. The township pays \$68.00 a ton to get rid of our waste. By township residents recycling we save the Township \$11,084.00 in one month. Recycling is being fiscally responsible.

PRESIDENT
RUDOLPH'S
MESSAGE

President Rudolph reported April's Fire Safety message: candles and incense create ambiance or help celebrate a special event. They pose a threat of fire, most candle fires take place in the bedroom, and many occur when candles are left unattended. Always use caution when celebrating with open flames.

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
Award of Bids –
2023 Overlay/Milling

Mr. Lanciano made a motion to approve/award Allan Myers, L.P. of Worcester, PA, for the 2023 Road Program in the amount of \$1,231,341.00 contingent upon their execution of the contract and supply of the required Bonds and insurance. The base bid was \$1,918,154.05, additional (Marple Township \$598,578.65 & Swarthmore Borough \$88,234.40). Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

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COVENTRY WOODS

Mr. Layden made a motion to recommend approval of the Estates of Coventry Woods Phase 2A.1 Preliminary/ Final Land Development Plan dated March 17, 2022, last revised March 7, 2023, including the waivers listed below and contingent upon the following:

Complying with the Township Engineer's letter dated March 3, 2023.

Complying with the Thomas Comitta Associates, Inc., and G.D. Houtman & Sons, Inc.

Phase 2A.1 Landscape street Frontage Plan dated March 6, 2023.

Obtain all required approvals from outside agencies including but not limited to: Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) from FEMA; approval from DEP for the reallocation of sanitary sewer capacity from the previously approved Phase 1A Land Development application; NPDES permit approval from Delaware County Conservation District; all required permits from DEP for the construction of utility connections in regulated areas; and construction and acceptance of the State Route 1 (State Road) Improvements by PennDOT prior to issuance of Occupancy permits within the development.

At the discretion of the Board of Commissioners, the Developer shall plant replacement trees for each tree of twelve-inch caliper or more remove.

Waivers Granted:

From §123-41.1.C (2) (b) [1] to permit roads, storm sewer, driveways and building in steep slope areas as exhibited on the plan

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From §123-41.1.C (2) (b) [1][a] to permit stormwater management facilities in steep slope areas as exhibited on the plan.

From §123-41.1.C (1) (b) [3] to permit utilities, easements and rights-of-way in very steep slopes as exhibited on the plans.

From § 123-41.1.C (1) (b) [5] to permit roads in very steep slopes as exhibited on the plans.

From § 123-29.A to permit concrete curbs in lieu of granite curbs.

A partial waiver from §119-24.A to permit an encroachment into the riparian buffer for building units 15 through 25 as exhibited on the plans.

Applicant shall record a “Declaration of Dedication of Conservation Easement” to preserve, in perpetuity, the area of approximately 10.8 acres along Albert’s Run as open space, which area is highlighted on sheet 16 of 16 of the land development plans. In addition, to memorialize Applicants intention to restrict Phase 2C from the development of residential dwellings of any kind, including, without limitation, the townhouses identified on the 2018 Conditional Use Plan, Applicant shall not submit to the Township any land development application for Phase 2C until Phase 3 has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for land development. Further, Applicant shall accept as a condition of approval of the Phase 3 land development that the area constituting Phase 2C (approximately 3.04 acres) shall be (1) added to the 10.8 acres that is subject to the “Declaration of Dedication of Conservation Easement”, or (2) shall become a common facility of the Estates at Coventry

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Woods recreational use (e.g., walking trail) or open-air active uses, such as a pool, or sports courts, at Applicant's option. Applicant shall place this condition on the record plan, so that the condition is a matter of public record. I so move. Second by Mr. Lanciano and a roll call was done, the motion was approved 6yea- 1nay.

MS4: Annual Update
Permit Year 5

Mr. Kelly read the MS4: Annual Update that states the Township is required to maintain a permit with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as an operator of a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). A motion is not required for this item as per Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Kennedy stated the Township has asked for request for qualifications and is taking a look at the entire municipal complex which encompasses the Township, Police and Library Buildings, to see about ways to renovate and improve the older buildings, the infrastructure needs a lot of work, capital improvements, etc. Mr. Kennedy read the request for qualifications and made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Dion and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Mary Campbell, 115 Morton Road, inquired about Mt. Sharon Cemetery and a letter they received with regards to trees. Solicitor Byrne stated that they have had meetings with the Cemetery and Township representatives and the Cemetery has said they will commit to taking care of the trees, if this does not happen within a reasonable time then the Township will take action.

Mrs. Liz McNamara, 244 Ballymore Road, thanked the Board of Commissioners for the presence of police

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along Woodland Avenue, Rt. 420. Mr. Kennedy said the Township is working with the Police Department and we do realize this is an important issue. Mr. Kennedy said he would walk the area with Mrs. McNamara by the Springfield Literacy Center any time.

Mrs. Lauren Pafumi, 162 Netherwood Drive, expressed thanks, and asked if there could be more of a presence at the crossing guard location on Rt. 420., continuing traffic concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rudolph entertained a motion to adjourn, Mr. Layden second, the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

