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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, May 9, 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. Dave Brunner, Springfield Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Lanciano.

American Legion

Mr. Kennedy introduced Mr. Bill Smeck, American Legion Post 227, and asked him to come up and speak about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2023, and said there will be a brief ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, then at 9:30am at the front of St. Francis Church by the World War II Memorial for another service where the Fire Dept., Ambulance Corp and the Springfield High School Band will be in attendance, at 9:45am a parade will take place and proceed down Saxer Avenue to Powell Road and make a left on to Powell Road then process down Powell Road to the Springfield Township Building and make a left into the Building and end up in front of the Springfield Township Building for the finale. Mr. Smeck talked about some historical artifacts he found on the 166th Anti-Tank Brigade, there were five individuals from Springfield Township in this brigade who were killed in action in World War II. These individuals will be honored on Memorial Day. President Rudolph acknowledged the number of hours and the effort that was put into this presentation this evening and said how the Board of Commissioners appreciate all the hard work and dedication that the American Legion Post 227 does.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Dion, the minutes of April 11, 2023, were approved as submitted. Second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

COMMUNITY  
SOCIAL EVENTS  
REPORT

Mrs. Sage gave the Social Events report and stated that Memorial Day is right around the corner and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is not far behind. Springfield Township will once again be hosting the annual Independence Parade on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. If anyone is interested in participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, please download an application from the Township website at [www.springfielddelco.org](http://www.springfielddelco.org). More information will be available as the holiday approaches. Concerts in the park series will begin with the Springfield Library presenting DK Duo on June 1, 2023, followed by the Springfield School District's Jazz Bands performance on Saturday, July 3, 2023, both concerts will take place out front of the Township Building in the amphitheater also known as the sledding hill.

HEALTH

Mr. Dion gave the monthly Health Report for April, and reported nine restaurants and six retail establishments were inspected, with two re-inspections. Springfield SLC and ETR schools were inspected. Miscellaneous items were 1 dog bite, 1 dog barking and a dead possum complaint. One noise complaint regarding a chipper and one sanitation complaint with one of our establishments. Spring is in full swing along with the non-stop rain. Although a nice trim lawn looks good, please do not sweep or blow grass clippings into the street. This blocks our storm drains and also is a violation of our Township Code. Branches and shrubbery are collected the third Wednesday of the month from February through September. However, they should be tied in bundles

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no more than 3' in length and not more than 2'' thick.  
Call the Township's Public Works Department at  
610-543-2837 to schedule a pick-up.

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Dion mentioned that Springfield Township has a very strong tree canopy, and the Conservation Committee would like to protect that canopy and make sure that when we remove trees, new trees are put in place. The Conservation Committee wants the Township to know they are conducting a tree survey regarding the tree canopy that will be released in June for residents to fill out. The survey can be located by following the Conservation Committee's Facebook page, which you can look on Facebook under Springfield Township Conservation Committee. The second item is very important, the Conservation Committee would like to remind everyone to please remember to recycle. Springfield Township residents do a great job recycling, and this protects our environment, and we make money off of this. The Conservation Committee wanted to stress the importance of this. If you need recycling containers, they are available at the Public Works Department, 1258 Church Road and at the Springfield Township Building, 50 Powell Road.

## PARKS

Mr. Kennedy read the Parks report for this past month and reported the following. Completed construction and installation of a new Bocce Court in Church Road Park, paved the pickle ball court at Church Road Park, fencing was installed. Once the paving has cured, the contractor will return to seal coat and line the courts and install the nets. This should happen in the next two weeks. The walking path at Meadowgreen Park has been completed. The distance around the path is just under a quarter mile. The construction of a new parking lot at Crowell Park has started and this is being done to help alleviate flooding/stormwater issues that have occurred in the past. Soil and erosion measures are under way at this time. They will be milling the old lot and start

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grading next week. Planted eight trees at the retention basin

on Rolling Road. Planted a tree at the Township Building for Arbor Day with the Garden Club. At the planting the Township was given the Tree city USA Award for the 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive year. Continuing with maintenance in all parks and Township owned properties.

## ZONING

Mr. Kennedy read the monthly report for the Building Regulations and Zoning Committee and indicated the following. The Zoning Hearing Board convened a Public Meeting on April 27, 2023, at 7:30p.m. at the Springfield Township Building to hear and render a decision of the following zoning hearing application: ZH-23-03 The Board approved the application of Lidya Nenih & Pechteang Loa, owner/petitioner, seeking dimensional variances to permit two concrete patios in the rear and side yard setbacks of a corner lot. The property is located in the “A” Residence District, as depicted on the Zoning Map, and is known as 28 Colonial Park Drive. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Public Meeting on May 25, 2023, at 7:30p.m., at the Township Building, 50 Powell Road, to hear and render decisions on the following zoning hearing applications: ZH:23-06 William & Mary Berner, owners/petitioners, are seeking dimensional variances from the Zoning Ordinance to permit a 12’ x 14’ shed in the front yard setback of a corner lot. Property is located in the “A” Residence district and is known as 400 Ridge Lane, ZH: 23-07: Joseph A. Clifford, III and Kimberly Clifford, owners/petitioners, are seeking a variance from the Zoning Ordinance to permit the aggregate width of side yards to be 20’, wherein 30’ is required for the construction of an addition. Property is located in “A” Residence District, as depicted on the Zoning Map, and is known as 635 Wayne Avenue. At the time and place noted, the applicant and all interested parties may attend and have an opportunity to be heard.

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GOLF COURSE

Mr. Layden gave the Golf Course report and stated the total rounds for the month of April were 4,356, bringing the year to date total to 9,925 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$260,635.00 bringing the year-to-date total to \$513,643.00, the seven-year moving average for this time of year is \$253,460.00, giving us a positive variance of \$260,183.00. The Golf Shop total revenue for the month of April was \$18,868.00 and the year-to-date total was \$43,036.00. The irrigation system has been fully serviced and operational for the 2023 season. Completed all course Spring aerification, applications and clean up. Regular daily maintenance of the golf course continues. Daily Course updates and more information can be found on our Website at [springfieldgolf.org](http://springfieldgolf.org) and or on our Facebook page, Springfield Country Club Golf or call the golf shop at 610-543-9860.

SPRINGFIELD  
AMBULANCE CORP.

Mr. Lanciano gave the Ambulance Corp. report and stated that during the month of April, Springfield had a total of 182 emergencies, Springfield Ambulance Corp. responded to 130 emergencies, also responded to 10 calls in Marple, 7 calls in Upper Darby, 6 calls in Clifton Heights, 6 calls in Morton and 6 calls in Swarthmore. The total hours given by our volunteers for April, 2023, was 1,854 and for the past 12 months, 23,881. Community initiatives are CPR for all, Springfield Ambulance visited several Springfield churches throughout the month and 100 people learned the skills and hands on CPR. We are offering Heart Saver CPR classes each month at our building, class sizes are limited. You can sign up at the Ambulance Corp website.

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PRESIDENT  
RUDOLPH'S  
MESSAGE

President Rudolph reported Loyalty Day is normally celebrated at our May public meeting, due to many of our recipients not being able to attend we will postpone our presentations until our June meeting. Loyalty Day has been put on by the VFW under Albert Evangelista for many years, the Police, Fire and EMS are honored for their duties here in Springfield Township. Mr. Evangelista dedicates a lot of time and effort into Loyalty Day and we look forward to celebrating next month.

President Rudolph read the fire safety message for May. Propane. Over 1,000 home fires are caused by liquid propane annually, and these fires cause hundreds of injuries and deaths. Propane is a flammable gas that is converted to a liquid before being stored within a cylinder or tank. Propane Safety Basics: Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside your home. Never store or operate a propane-powered gas grill indoors. Always handle propane - powered equipment cautiously, according to the manufacturer's instructions. Have propane gas equipment inspected by a professional for leaks and faulty parts on a regular basis. Follow the manufacturers instructions carefully when lighting pilots. Leave the area immediately and call the fire department from outside the home if you smell a strong odor of gas.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

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UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Vacancies/  
Appointments

Planning Commission

Mrs. Sage made a motion to appoint Benjamin Dutton, 340 S. Norwinden Drive, to an unexpired term on the Planning Commission. This term will expire on January 12, 2025. I so move. Second by Mr. Kelly and carried.

Civil Service  
Commission

Mr. Kelly made a motion to appoint Fran Grady, 445 Foulke Lane, to the Civil Service Commission as an alternate member for a six-year term which will expire on May 8, 2029. I so move. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Smeck, American Legion Post 227, thanked all of his fellow members of the American Legion Post 227, for attending the meeting and supporting him in his speech.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rudolph entertained a motion to adjourn, Mr. Layden second, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.