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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, July 11, 2023, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rev. LaGreta Brown, Shorter African Methodist Episcopal Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Layden.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, the minutes of June 13, 2023, were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

COUNTRY CLUB
POOL

Mr. Kelly gave the pool report for the month of June, the membership fees were \$68,920.00, guest fees were \$6,099.00, swim lessons \$400.00, snack shop sales \$9,645.00 and miscellaneous merchandise was \$196.00 which brings the year-to-date total to \$363,166.00. Pool hours are 10:30am to 8:00p.m., swim team practices mornings from 8:00am to 10:00am and from 10:00am to 10:30am daily is lap swimming for adult members. Pool applications are still available at the

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PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY COMMITTEE

pool or online at springfielddelco.org or springfieldccpool.com.

Mrs. Sage gave the Pedestrian Safety Report and stated there is a resolution on the agenda this evening, 12-23-Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application for Powell Road and Leamy Avenue, signal improvements. This intersection was identified by the Pedestrian Safety committee as being one of the intersections requiring upgrades due to its proximity to several schools. This resolution authorizes the submission of a grant application and is a required step in that process. Township officials met with SEPTA regarding the preliminary design of intersection upgrades at Windsor Circle. The design addresses traffic flow and speed while creating a much safer pedestrian movement. Once the design is finalized it will be posted on the Pedestrian Safety Committee page of the Township website. The Springfield School District students created two short Public Service Announcements about safe pedestrian practices. A link to these videos can be found on the Pedestrian Safety Committee page of the Township website.

COMMUNITY
SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Sage gave the Social Events report and said how the weather did not cooperate for our first Dining on Saxer of the season. The second Dining on Saxer is scheduled for July 19, 2023, Fingers crossed for some great weather. The Newspaper Taxis concert was awesome. Thank you to all who made the event possible and to those who attended.

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HEALTH

Mr. Dion gave the health report and stated the following: nine restaurants were inspected, seven retail establishments, there were three re-inspections, and one citation was issued. There was one animal nuisance, a dog running loose, one noise complaint, three trash complaints at two restaurants and one store. There were two residential sanitation complaints. The biggest source of water pollution comes from stormwater drains you see in our township streets; anything left in the streets from grass clippings to pet waste will make its way into the nearest body of water i.e., stream, lake, or ocean. Help prevent water pollution by following a few simple actions, do not litter, properly dispose of pet waste, reduce use of pesticides and fertilizers, use commercial carwashes, and recycle used oil and antifreeze.

LIBRARY

Mr. Dion gave the Library report for the month of June and reported the following: Summer Quest 2023 is in full swing. Children have the choice of participating online via Beanstack or can come into the Library to register for fun reading challenges and prizes. Adult programs: want to brush up on your golfing skills, join us as we welcome Leigh Taylor PGA Master Professional, Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00pm, registration is required. For a complete schedule of activities at the Library, go to www.springfieldtwplib.org or visit our Face Book page.

PARKS

Mr. Kennedy gave the report for June and reported completed clean up of storm damage in Williams, Jane Lownes, Lehigh, Crowell, Rolling Green, Spring Valley, and Wagner Wayside Parks and at the retention basin on Bishop Avenue. Installed new wood carpet at Walsh and Indian Rock Parks. Completed all responsibilities regarding Dining on Saxer events, 4th of July Parade and Memorial Park activities. Reinstalled a new Blue Star Memorial Sign in Memorial Park,

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the old sign was destroyed due to a fallen tree. The Parking

lot construction project at Crowell Park is progressing well and is on schedule, completion is anticipated to be within three to four weeks. The Pickle Ball courts are open and in use at Church Road Park as well as the snack bar and restrooms which are complete. Continuing with weekly cutting and trash removal in all Parks and Township owned properties.

ZONING

The Zoning Hearing Board did not meet in June due to no hearings. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Public Meeting on July 27, 2023, at 7:30pm at the Township Building, 50 Powell Road, to hear and render a decision on the following zoning hearing application: ZH-23-08: The Application of Michael White, owner, is seeking a variance from §143-21.A (5) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a front yard setback of 10'-3", wherein 30 feet is required, for the construction of a carport. The property is located in the "B" Residence District, as depicted on the Zoning Map, and is known as 257 S. Norwinden Drive.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Layden gave the Public Works report for the month of June. The totals for Municipal Waste were 951.7 tons, Paper Recycling 88.82 tons, Commingled Recycling 79.67 tons, Bulk Waste 32.15 tons. When you combine Paper and Commingled recycling together, the total is 168 tons @ \$68.00 per ton which accounts for a savings of \$11,424.00, thanks to the Springfield residents who recycle. Springfield does good with recycling but we are below 20%, so if people even just start to recycle it will become a habit and the township can save even more money.

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Layden gave the Golf Course report and stated the total rounds for the month of June, were 5,412, bringing the year-to-date total to 20,884 rounds. The Golf Course total revenue for the month was \$326,760.00

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bringing the course year-to-date total to \$1,169,991.00, the seven-year moving average for this time of year is

\$712,212.00, giving us a positive variance of \$457,779.00. The Golf Shop total revenue for the month of June was \$25,578.00 and the year-to-date total was \$93,119.00. Vented greens, tees, and fairways to help increase air flow and water movement with the soil, the staff has been working extremely hard managing the golf course during this time of heat stress. Watering and repairing irrigation leaks and electrical failures. All sand bunkers have been edged, trimmed, and weeded. Regular daily maintenance continues. 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.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution#11-2023

Mrs. Sage read Resolution #11-2023 updating the Delaware County Hazard Mitigation Plan and made a motion to adopt the resolution second by Mr. Dion and carried.

Resolution#12-2023

Mr. Kennedy read Resolution#12-2023, Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application in the amount of \$354,978.00, for improvements at the Powell Road and Leamy Avenue traffic signal and made a motion to adopt the resolution second by Mr. Layden and carried.

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Resolution#13-2023

Mr. Dion read Resolution#13-2023, Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application in the amount of

\$1,350,000.00 for improvements to State Road in the vicinity of the Coventry Woods project, and made a motion to adopt the resolution second by Mr. Layden and carried.

Vacancies/
Appointments

Mr. Layden made a motion to appoint Mr. Eric Divario, 467 Kent Road, to a three-year term which will expire on July 14, 2026, second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Crowe, 101 Summit Road, expressed concerns about pedestrian safety and traffic concerns at the SLC/Kindergarten, at the am arrival and pm dismissal. Would like to see more transparency about all the pedestrian upgrades. Make Kindergarten their priority with regards to the traffic signals.

Mr. Rudolph noted one correction that the Pedestrian Safety Committee will be meeting in August.

Mr. Kennedy asked Mrs. Crowe to confirm the location and stated how the Township, Police and School District are trying extremely hard with regards to the crossing guard situation.

Mr. Crowe expressed concerns about filling the position of crossing guards and how it is being posted on social media, i.e., website, Facebook, etc.

Lauren Pafumi, 162 Netherwood Drive, thanked Mrs. Sage for watching the crossing guards and hopes the other Commissioners will also. Expressed concerns about the pedestrian safety and traffic at Rt. 420 at the SLC/Kindergarten.

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PUBLIC COMMENT
CONTD.

Craig Seigel, 601 Minshal Road, expressed pedestrian

safety concerns, as his son was struck by a vehicle on June 14, 2023, on Saxer Avenue in front of the field and asked about adding another crosswalk with flashing lights on Saxer Avenue closer to the field and/or remove the commercial vehicles that are being parked in the parking lot so that more vehicles can be parked there for patrons who are there for the games.

Leigh Taylor, 79 Duncan Lane, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their service and thanked Mr. Layden regarding the Springfield Golf Course and how it has improved in the last ten years and Mr. Dion for mentioning he will be speaking at the Library on Golf. Expressed concerns about property maintenance and how it is enforced with regards to a property across from him on Duncan Lane, in very bad condition. Mr. James Byrne, Solicitor gave an explanation of how the Township enforces these situations.

Phil Maffei, 537 W. Rolling Road, expressed concerns about Penonni employees who were in the yards of him and his neighbor's property doing a survey. He inquired if this was regarding the State Road bridge project. Mr. Fulton, Township Manager explained the State Road Project is a PADOT project and they are making us move our sewer line to accommodate their project, so that is why they were in your yard.

Robert Salls, 40 Providence Road, Morton, PA expressed concerns regarding the WaWa Project, 675 Baltimore Pike.

Mr. James Byrne, Solicitor stated with regards to the WaWa project at 675 Baltimore Pike, while speaking about the WaWa project, Mr. Salls, neglected to state that the issues before the Planning Commission were not turning issues onto Leamy Avenue, and that issue was already decided in a

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previous appeal that took place at the Delaware County Common Pleas Court. At that time, the applicant was

Granted approval for turning onto Leamy Avenue.
Mr. Byrne stated that it was not fair to the Springfield residents who were not present and suggested that Mr. Salls as well as the other Morton residents should come back on August 8, 2023, and be heard.

Resident, 919 Providence Road, spoke and expressed concerns about the WaWa project at 675 Baltimore Pike. Mr. Byrne, gave an explanation about the project since the resident insisted he knew nothing about the project. As per Mr. Byrne, all the proper abutting neighbors were notified as per our Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Layden entertained a motion to adjourn,
Mr. Dion second, the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.