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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the Township Building.

The following other Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Wechsler, Rudolph, Layden, Janiczek and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Fulton and Byrne, as well as Mrs. Warner.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Pamela McShane of the Blue Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wechsler read a Proclamation naming May 1, 2011 as "Loyalty Day" in Springfield Township. Post #5705 VFW is scheduled to hold a Loyalty Day ceremony at the Township Building on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation declaring the week of May 1 – 7, 2011 as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Week" in Springfield Township.

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of March 8, 2011 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

Mr. Mahoney asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Wechsler announced the Township was awarded a \$94,089 grant for our recycling efforts. This grant will be used to purchase three leaf machines, three leaf scoops, 2,000 each paper and commingled recycling containers, eleven recycling receptacles for our parks, four for Saxer Avenue and one for Brookside Road.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

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MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recycling

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Environmental

Mr. Wechsler reported the Environmental Committee will hold a workshop on “Rainwater Runoff: Problems and Solutions” on May at 7 p.m. at the Township building. This is a culmination of the efforts for the Best Management Practices Program which is mandated by the federal government.

Health

Mr. Wechsler announced April is “Autism Awareness Month”. Their website is linked to the Township’s website for more information.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph read the monthly public works report. He reported the 2011 Overlay Program has been approved and the receipt of bids will be authorized later in the meeting. The Highway Department will be performing base repairs on the streets that will be resurfaced this year. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Good Friday, April 22. He announced the Township will be collecting yard waste of brush/branches each Wednesday during April & May. The vegetation will be taken to the recycling dump for composting.

Signals/Street Lighting

Mr. Rudolph reported the Signals/Street Lighting Department responded to 37 street light outages during the month of March, with 32 being repairs and 5 being reported to PECO. Three traffic signal malfunctions were corrected all and three school flashing problems were corrected in February.

Library

Mr. Layden announced the Spring Book Sale is scheduled for May 14 through May 16 in the Springfield Township Building. He read a list of spring adult programs scheduled for April and May. Registration for Science in the Summer will be held between May 2 and May 31. This year’s theme is Simple Machines. Children entering 2 – 6 grades are eligible for this program Class size is limited and students are chosen by lottery. The Summer Reading Club Kickoff Program will be held at the Springfield Township Building on Friday, June 17 at 4:00 p.m.

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Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report for the month of March. Winter equipment maintenance and repair program is now completed. The irrigation system has been serviced and is now fully operational. Total rounds for the month of March was 1,456, bring the year-to-date total to 1,656. Total revenue for the month was \$59,642.00, bringing the year-to-date revenue \$71,481.00.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for March. All spring maintenance to the baseball and lacrosse fields have been completed. Temporary outfield fencing was installed at Jane Lownes, Walsh and Netherwood Parks. The irrigation systems were started up at Netherwood, Memorial and Church Road Parks.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department picked-up and delivered 100 trees to residents of the Township. This was the second phase from a Growing Green Grant through PECO. He thanked Frank and his crew, as well as the Tree Tenders, Shade Tree Commission and Garden Club.

Free Trees

Mr. Wechsler moved that all bills approved for payment by the appropriate chairperson be paid. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Dr. Janiczek the Treasurer's Report for January through March, 2011 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #7-11 approving the guidelines to follow by sworn police officers in regard to arrests without warrant in certain cases of summary violations, pursuant to PA Act No. 1995-25(SS1). Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

**RESOLUTION #7-11
Arrests Without Warrant**

Dr. Janiczek moved that the proper officers of the be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for a Mechanical Systems Replacements at the Public Works, Fire House-

BIDS AUTHORIZED

AUDIENCE

Ambulance building to be received by May 6, 2011 by 10:00 a.m. He noted a portion of the funding is through grant funding. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

Mr. Rudolph moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Road Milling and Overlay to be received by May 6, 2011 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Brendan Dunn, 271 N. Norwinden Drive, requested a stop intersection at N. Norwinden Drive and Claremont Road. Mr. Layden replied he will bring the Police Chief to the area for observation and assessment of the traffic situation.

Regina Shearer, 34 Old State Road, thanked Jim Byrne for his defense of Springfield Township at the zoning hearings on the billboard issue. She also thanked the Commissioners for their support.

George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, raised the following questions concerning:

- snowplowing of cul-de-sacs
- ice rink roof repairs/replacement of beams
- the amount of money the Township receives for recycling
- if grass clippings can be included with the special curbside collection of brush & twigs

Marylou Regan, 233 Rambling Way, raised the following issues:

- there are too many large trees being cut down
- approximately a dozen trees have been removed from the hillside on the northwest corner of State & Rolling Roads – those trees absorb 360,000 gallons of water, which will now be run-off flowing onto the highway and into the storm sewers
- township trees should be inventoried

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- she claims there is an ethical issue with a township employee engaged in two full-time jobs as Township Manager and Township Fire Marshal

Mr. Mahoney moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)