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REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Kinzel of the Blue Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by members of VFW Post 5705.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Wechsler read a Proclamation naming April 25, 2009 as "Loyalty Day" in Springfield Township. The Proclamation was presented to the members of the VFW Post 5705.

PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation declaring April 18 – 24, 2010 as National Osteopathic Medicine Week, and urge all citizens to support this observance by helping to educate residents about D.O.s and osteopathic medicine.

MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of February 9, March 9 & 22, 2010 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Ice Rink

Mrs. Sage stated as you are aware, the ice rink was forced to close on Feb. 14, due to the heavy snow resulting in structural damage to the roof support beams. Since that time, the facility has been inspected by both the Township Eng., as well as an independent engineer retained by our insurance carrier. The Township Engineer has recommended the existing roof structure be replaced in its entirety. The recommendation has

been forward to our insurance carrier and we are now waiting for their review and response. Should they concur with the Township Engineer, a new roof system more suitable for the Ice Rink environment would need to be designed to meet current building code requirements. The time involved in designing, bidding and constructing a new roof system would effectively prevent the facility from opening next fall. As to the long term picture for the ice rink, the Board of Commissioners will not make any decisions until all pertinent information is available and studied.

Mr. Wechsler announced later under new business, the Board will taking action on bids received on a Best Management Practice on stormwater run-off at Williams Park.

Environmental

Mr. Wechsler announced the month of April is National Autism Awareness Month. Autism spectrum disorders effect 1 in 150 children in the United States. The Springfield Fire Company is hosting a training session this evening for its members to learn how to work with ASD individuals as first responders. He reminded residents April 24, 2010, is the Darby Creek Watershed Clean-up event and May 1, 2010 is the CRC Watersheds Clean-up event.

Health

Mr. Rudolph read the Public Works report for the month of March. The highway department is in the process of inspecting all township streets for the 2010 Overlay Program, performing base repair, manhole casting adjustments, as well as inspection of handicapped ramps. Total tons of paper collected for recycling for the month of March was 152 tons. Total tons of commingled for the same period was 78.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph announced Springfield Township was awarded a Traffic Signal Efficiency Grant from the PA Department of Environmental Resources. The Township will receive 360 various LED modules to replace the present

Traffic Signals

incandescent lamps on nine intersections throughout the Township. This will be a cost savings of \$15,403 a year. In addition, the Township also qualifies for a PECO Energy Efficiency Grant that will also be forthcoming.

Library

Mr. Devenney announced the Library will hold a special program on May 2 at 2:00 pm. Students in grades 5 – 8 are invited to a special program of magic with Kevin Joyce. He congratulated two Springfield students who won First Place in the annual Delaware County “2010 Create a Bookmark Contest”. The Spring Book Sale is scheduled for April 24 through 26, 2010. The Library was just notified that they were awarded the National Endowment Grant We the People Bookshelf Grant from the National Endowment for Humanities.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of March.. Start-up maintenance on all baseball and softball, lacrosse fields was completed. A new under-drain system was install in the infield of the baseball field at Netherwood Park. He complimented Frank Pappa and his crew for repairing field in Jane Lownes Park from the torrential rain the March 15. The field was rebuilt and resurfaced within four to five hours and the season was able to get started on time.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report for the month of March. Winter equipment maintenance and repairs was completed, as well all green, tee and fairway renovations. He also read the weather summary report for the month of March.

Police

Mr. Mahoney read the monthly Police report. Sergeant Michael Vaughn is attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. He is participating in a ten week professional program for US law enforcement leaders. Officer Hurwitz was selected by Chief Daly to receive the Officer of the Year Award from the Springfield Delaware Post 5705 of the VFW.

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Officer O'Berg was selected by the Citizens Crime Commission to receive an award at their annual ceremony on May 20 at the Park Hyatt Hotel.

Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of March, the Fire Company responded to 12 fires, 42 non-fires, 20 mutual aid and held 11 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$13,500.

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

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Mr. Rudolph, the Treasurer's Report for January through March, 2010 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Devenney moved that the sole bid received to furnish 360 LED modules for traffic signals be awarded to Signal Service at the cost of \$28,884.00. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

Mr. Rudolph stated no bids were received for Patching Material and moved to authorize the bids be readvertised to be received by May 7 at 10:00 am. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Wechsler reported two bids were received for the BMP Phase 1 Construction Program. This is part of the DEP Growing Greener Grant awarded to assist the Township in reducing the volume and pollution level of storm water at Williams Parks and surrounding area. He moved to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, TST, Inc. at the bid price of \$66,622.98. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Fire Company

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S  
REPORT

BIDS: LED Traffic  
Light Modules

BIDS – Patching  
Materials

BIDS: BMP Park  
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BIDS: Taylor Evans  
Historic Renovations

Upon the recommendation of John Bowie, Historic Architect, Mr. Lanciano moved to award the Interior Historic Preservation Restoration Project of the Taylor Evans House to Donald E. Reisinger, Inc. for the amount of \$163,715.00 (base bid only). He noted the price came in lower than the grant amount provided under the Delaware County Community Development Block Grant. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

RESOLUTION #7-10  
Joint Comprehensive  
Plan – Addendum

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 7-10 adopting the Joint Comprehensive Plan Addendum Background and Fact Sheet, dated April 13, 2010, as part of the Comprehensive Plan for Springfield Township. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #8-10  
Recreation Plan

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 8-10 adopting Recreation Plan as part of the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

RESOLUTION #9-10  
Recreation Fee-In-Lieu

Mr. Devenney moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 9-10 adopting a Recreational Fee-in-Lieu Schedule. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

RESOLUTION #10-10  
Civilian Pension Plan  
Defined Benefit Plan

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 10-10 amending and restating the Civilian Employees Pension Plan to incorporate several Resolutions that have been enacted and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #11-10  
Civilian Pension Plan  
Defined Contribution  
Plan

On motion of Mr. Devenney, Resolution No. 11-10 was adopted establishing a Defined Contribution Pension Plan for full-time non-uniform employees hired on or after January 1, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT  
Springfield Diner

Joseph Damico, Esq., representing Springfield Diner, LLC, and its owner Aly Elghawy, gave a brief presentation of the proposed diner at 720 Baltimore Pike. The applicant proposes to renovate an existing building and construct a

basement to be used for a bakery. The bakery will only operate between 5 am to 11 am. He reported the owner intends to repave and restripe the parking lot creating 148 spaces versus 139 spaces currently on site. He also plans extensive landscaping along Baltimore Pike, as well as the existing buffer zones on both sides and rear of the property. The Springfield Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the Plan on March 4, 2010. The Delaware County Planning Commission reviewed the plan and issued their report on January 21, 2010 recommending approval. A waiver from the Preliminary Plan to allow for Preliminary/Final Land Development was approved. Another waiver recommended for approval was language to be added to the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement that the detention basin will not only be maintained functional, but is also to be maintained aesthetically pleasing.

Mike Ciocco, P.E., Catania Engineering Associates, also gave a brief overview of the plan.

Mr. Devenney questioned the target date for opening and hours of operation. He was advised they are proposed to open in October. Mr. Devenney also asked if there will be a no left hand turn at the exit. Mr. Ciocco replied the original PennDOT permit has left and right hand turn and it will remain.

Wechsler asked about external signage. Mr. Ciocco replied they will reuse the existing sign footprint. Wechsler also questioned a liquor license, bakery operation, and egress to basement area.

Dr. Janiczek suggested the public be given the opportunity to comment before we vote.

Mr. Al Kapczynski, 717 Sheffield Drive, questioned the type of exhaust system proposed for the Springfield Diner.

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He asked if the person involved with enforcement of the exhaust system reviewed the plans to determine whether the exhaust system will be working. Mr. LeFevre stated the Health Officer and Code Enforcement Director have reviewed the plans and feel comfortable that this type of exhaust system will be sufficient.

Dr. Janiczek moved that the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of Springfield Diner be approved, along with the two waiver requests, contingent upon the comments of the Delaware County, Springfield Township Planning Commissions and the Township Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT  
Thunderbird Pizza

Mr. Wechsler moved to approve Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of Thunderbird Pizza II, 188 Saxer Avenue, for a 276 sq. ft. addition to the rear of the restaurant, subject to the comments of the Township Engineer. Zoning approval was given on January 28, 2010 and both Planning Commissions recommended approval. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Rudolph moved to authorize receipt of bids for Overlay and Milling to be received by 10:00 am on May 7, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

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Mr. Rudolph moved to authorized receipt of bids for Interior Light Upgrade for Public Works & Parks facilities to be received by 10:00 am on May 7, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

AUDIENCE

Marilou Regan, 233 Rambling Way, President of the Springfield Tree Tenders, a branch of the PA Horticultural Society and Penn State University, stated they are currently working with the Township Manager to have trees donated for park plantings. She stated the Tree Tenders are available to help acquire and plant trees for the Township and residents.

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She stated there is a serious concern over the removal of old growth trees and the lack of their replanting. She asked the Township enforce the Shade Tree Ordinance. She noted there have been dozens of healthy shade trees that have been removed without permits. She suggested a shade tree in the front yard should be required for a Certificate of Occupancy to be issued.

Dr. Kathy Chamblee, 125 N. Norwinden Drive, also raised her concerns over the status of the Township trees. She reviewed the requirements in the Shade Tree Ordinance on the removal. She asked for the proper enforcement of the ordinance and offered the assistance of volunteers who are willing to educate residents and landscaping companies through the press and other means about their legal responsibilities for the care of their trees.

Mr. Ron Miller, 41 Forest Road, also requested a shade tree be required in the front lawn before a certificate of occupancy is issued.

Mr. Mahoney stated the Board will take their concerns under advisement.

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

ADJOURNMENT  
(9:16 p.m.)