

AUGUST 9, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Dr. Janiczek, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation declaring the Board's support for the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation's "Turn the Town Teal Campaign" and proclaiming September as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month".

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of July 12 and August 2, 2011 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano 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.

Pool

Mrs. Sage reported year-to-date total membership fees were \$215,390 and admission, swim lessons and misc. fees totaled \$17,209.50. Year-to-date snack shop sales totaled \$35,351. Regular daily maintenance and cleaning of the pool continues. The Pool will close on Labor Day.

Ice Rink

Mrs. Sage announced the Ice Rink is scheduled to open on October 6<sup>th</sup> for hockey, skating lessons, ice rental and birthday parties. Public skating will begin on October 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the new in-house hockey league or Springfield Hockey League, call the Ice Rink at 610-543-3118.

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Dr. Janiczek reminded residents that it is illegal to make a left turn from Baltimore Pike onto Springhaven Road. The police will be enforcing this traffic restriction that has been causing safety concerns. Motorists should continue west-bound to the next intersection at Church Road where there is a traffic signal with a left turn signal.

Baltimore Pike &  
Springhaven Road

Mr. Wechsler asked for residents' patience while traveling on Springfield Road, between Rolling and State Roads. He stated that PECO is installing a new gas line as well as improvements to the roadway. The work should be completed within a week or two.

Springfield Road

Mr. Wechsler reported that the Environmental Committee's BMP project, the "sledding hill" at the basin next to the Township Building, is moving forward. Construction for this stormwater best management practices park is basically an underground drainage system. He also noted the Township's Environmental Committee was recently recognized by the Chester-Ridley-Crum Creek Watershed Board and nominated for its volunteer steward of the year award at their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards ceremony in November. He also read a list of accomplishments that the Environmental Committee has been recognized for by the CRC.

Environmental  
Committee

Mr. Wechsler announced August is "National Immunization Month." The Health Officer reminded residents to communicate with their doctor about recommended vaccines.

Health

Mr. Rudolph read the monthly Public Works report. Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, trash and recycling will not be collected. Total tons of paper collected for recycling for the month of July was 90.37 tons. Total tons of commingled for the same period was 69.5. Total tons of trash collection for July was 880.3 tons. He noted that the Township received \$100/ton for recycled paper during the

Public Works

month of July and \$41.97/ton for commingled products and the Township pays \$23.24/ton for refuse. He encouraged residents to make an effort to put their paper and commingled items out for recycling.

Mr. Layden announced construction is to begin August 15<sup>th</sup> on a 6.75 million dollar project to repair and resurface state highways in Delaware County. PennDOT will begin the paving process on Bishop Avenue next week. The work will be done 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. In addition, new ADA ramps will be included in the repairs.

Library

Mr. Layden reported more than 21,000 adults and children visited the library and checked out over 17,000 items, enjoyed programs, accessed the Internet and studied in the Quiet Room. The Library has free wireless connection for laptop use. A special children's Grandparents' Day will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The event will feature a visit from "Silly Joe", one of the area's leading singer-songwriter for children.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano thanked Frank Pappa, Parks Superintendent, and his crew for the outstanding job they did in the preparation of both baseball fields at Netherwood Park for the Cal Ripken Regional Baseball Tournament, which was hosted by the Springfield A.A. The Parks Department also installed new wood carpet under the playground equipment at Netherwood, Indian Rock, Ellson Glen and Walsh Parks. The temporary outfield fences in Walsh, Jane Lownes and Netherwood Parks have been removed.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the golf course maintenance report for the month of July. Due to the continuation of high heat and humidity, intensive hand watering of greens and tees continued, and the greens were vented twice during this same time period. He noted there were 21 days with temperatures 90 degrees and above and 4 days with 100 degrees and above. For the month of July, total rounds were 4,990, which brings the year-to-date total to 19,317 rounds. Total revenue of \$199,659 brought the year to date revenue to \$785,777.

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Mr. Wechsler announced that the final draft of the Crum Creek Act 167, Stormwater Management Plan will be read at the Delaware County Government Center on August 11, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.. If anyone is interested in reading the entire document, it can be found on the County's website at: [www.co.delaware.pa.us](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us) under the Planning Department's link.

CRUM CREEK ACT 167

Mr. Mahoney announced that the Police Department would like to thank everyone who attended the National Night Out celebration held at the Springfield Country Club on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Police Department

Mr. Mahoney announced the Township was recently awarded a \$15,000 "Energy Smart Delaware County" grant. These funds will be used to purchase new, energy efficient HVAC equipment for both the Ambulance and Public Works facilities. The Township will receive "energy credits" from PECO for installing cost effective upgrades.

Energy Smart Grant

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Layden, the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2011 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudolph stated the Township, along with eleven other municipalities in Delaware County, once again joined a cooperative bid for the 2011-2012 Road Salt Contract, at which time five bids were received. He moved to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Oceanport Industries, in the amount of \$59.74/ton. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

BIDS: Road Salt

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RESOLUTION #11-11  
CRC - Growing Greener

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 11-11 endorsing a PA Growing Greener Grant application submitted by the CRC Watershed Association and Ridley Park Borough for design and construction of nutrient and sediment removal along Little Crum Creek. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

DEPUTY TAX  
COLLECTOR

On motion of Mr. Layden, Mrs. Mary Ann Digregorio was appointed as the Deputy Tax Collector for Springfield Township. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PARK BOARD

Mr. Wechsler moved to appoint Mrs. Amy Foran, 121 S. Rolling Road, to an unexpired term on the Park Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

AUDIENCE

George Miller, 301 Alliston Road, questioned the no left turn on Baltimore Pike and Springhaven Road, raised a number of questions concerning the employee's pension plans and the Township's financial liability of these funds. He raised concerns about the condition of the flags being displayed on Thomson Avenue and asked for the Township to accept responsibility of the flags to see that they are respected appropriately.

Therese Mallory & Joseph Beaver, Lyndon LaRouche supporters from Lansdowne, requested the Board to contact congressional representatives regarding legislation (HR148) that would regulate bailouts of banks.

Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, stated he appreciated Dr. Janiczek's quick response to his request for road and sewer repairs on Thomson Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:50 P.M.)

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