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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, August 14, 2012 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Layden, 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 "Get Real with Teal Campaign" and proclaiming September as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month".

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of July 10, 2012, were approved. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing no one, the meeting continued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Library

Mr. Culp announced that the Library is a recipient of a donation in the memory of Sam Mattei, who recently passed away. Mr. Mattei was well-known volunteer with youth and sports, as well as serving many years on the Springfield Township Park Board and Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Culp reported final approval from Commonwealth Library was received to proceed with the grant from Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Funds. The funds from the grant will be used to replace 50 windows in the library with energy efficient glass and frames. Springfield Township will provide matching funds.

Mrs. Sage reported the Planning Commission met on July 26, 2012 to review the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for the Springfield Marriott Hotel at 400 W. Sproul Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan.

Planning

Mr. Wechsler reminded residents grass clippings are not allowed to be blown into the street. Clippings blown or swept into the street clogs storm sewer drains, thereby causing flooding during heavy rain. He reported the Township recently completed the inspection of all sidewalk blocks for tripping hazards, as well as trees/bushes overhanging the sidewalk. Residents receiving a notice from the Township will need to fix these hazards. He also reminded residents to check the address numbers on their home. In case of an emergency, house numbers need to be visible.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Wechsler stated on July 26, 2012 the Zoning Hearing Board granted a dimensional variance to encroach into the sideyard for a patio in a "B" Residence District. Also, the Board granted a continuation for an applicant requesting variances for signage at 381 Baltimore Pike. The Board heard an applicant's petition for to permit a tobacco shop and smoking lounge at 122 Baltimore Pike. The decision will be made at a special Zoning Hearing meeting in August.

Zoning Hearing

Mr. Layden reported this September will mark the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Preparedness Month, the annual campaign led by FEMA to encourage all Americans to take the necessary steps towards emergency preparedness. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), where there is information to make family emergency plans.

Environmental

Mr. Layden reported for the month of July, total rounds were 5,036 bringing the year-to-date total to 22,762 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$192,855, bringing the

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year-to-date revenue total to \$915,701. The revenue is \$129,924 over the same period last year. The seven year moving average is \$836,824, leaving a positive variance of \$78,877.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano read the Pool report for the month of July. The year-to-date revenue total is \$264,292. The Pool is open seven days a week from 11 am to dusk until Labor Day. Memberships continue to be accepted.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department monthly report. The Parks Department crew removed the temporary outfield fences from the baseball field at Jane Lownes, Walsh and Netherwood Parks and completed all weekly baseball field maintenance for the season. Preparations to the fields for the football, soccer and field hockey season has begun.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano will open the 2012-2013 season on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, with public skating beginning on Friday night, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The Township has purchased a new Zamboni, which will be delivered in November. Also, a new dehumidifier system was installed this summer.

Police

Mr. Rudolph reported last February, the Police Department submitted a grant application through the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to initiate a program focused on reducing underage drinking. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Township was informed that our program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$16,646. Over the course of next year, the Police Department will implement bicycle patrols which will target Township parks and Saxer Avenue business district. Officers will be strictly enforcing all violations with the emphasis on underage drinking, public drunkenness and other liquor related offenses.

Mr. Rudolph congratulated the Springfield Police Softball Team, the 2012 Champions of the Delaware County Emergency Services League.

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Mr. Rudolph read the fire safety tip for the month of July, entitled "In a Fire, Seconds Count." Each year many fires start out small and end up causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages because someone is too embarrassed to call the Fire Department. Small fires can grow quickly, as burning fires double in size every minute. The Springfield Fire Company is always ready to help, since in a fire, seconds count.

Fire Company

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Wechsler, the Treasurer's Report for July 2012 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1525 prohibiting southbound traffic on Baltimore Pike from making a left turn onto Springhaven Road and westbound traffic on Springhaven Road from making a left turn onto Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

ORDINANCE #1525  
Left Turns Prohibited

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1526 creating a stop intersection at Avon Road and S. Alford Road facing southwestbound and northeastbound traffic. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ORDINANCE #1526  
Stop Signs

Mr. Lanciano moved to table the proposed ordinance entitled "Barking Dogs" to allow for further review. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

ORDINANCE  
TABLED

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1527 approving PA Act 167, "Stormwater Management Plan for the Crum Creek Watershed" required to remain in compliance with the Stormwater requirement of our MS4 Permit. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ORDINANCE #1527  
Stormwater Mgmt.

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
DELCORA Regulations

Mr. Wechsler summarized a proposed ordinance approving DELCORA Standards, Rules and Regulations of 2011, the City of Philadelphia's Wastewater Regulations and the Local Limitations for the Eastern Service Area for all discharges of wastewater. A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Building for public viewing. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT  
Marriott Hotel  
400 W. Sproul Road

Mr. Layden moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Application of Blue Hen Development, L.P., Springfield Marriott, 400 W. Sproul Road, subject to compliance with the Township Engineer's terms and conditions.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Culp moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Replacement Windows at the Library to be received by September 7, 2012 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Amy Winnemore, 532 Vernon Road, addressed the Board on her dismissal after three years as assistant manager of the Springfield County Club Pool.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:32 p.m.)

Mr. Culp moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.