

JULY 10, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend John Gavin of Holy Cross Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Culp, the minutes of June 12, 2012, were approved. Seconded by Mrs. Sage 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 congratulated Mid Kibler, Coordinator of the Friends of Springfield Library Books Sales, for being selected as a 2012 Exemplary Volunteer for her work at the Library. Her name was added to the Springfield Volunteer Memorial Wall during the July 4th Annual Plaque Ceremony. Mr. Culp announced the Library is holding an in-house book sale, featuring a wide selection of gently used books. The Summer Reading Club programs began on June 25. The theme this year is "Dream Big Read!"

Planning

Mrs. Sage reported the Planning Commission met on June 21, 2012 to review a proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Code and the Zoning Map by adding a TND-6 Overlay District. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendments.

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board granted a variance to permit a cardio gym to use the premises as a commercial recreational fitness facility. The facility will be called "LA Boxing" and will be located in the Springfield Shopping Center. He announced there are three zoning applications to be heard on July 26, 2012. He also noted during the summer months, inspectors will be walking around town looking for tripping hazards on public sidewalks, and trees or bushes overhanging the street or sidewalk. Trees and bushes need to be trimmed 6 inches off of the sidewalk, 9 feet above the sidewalk and 11 feet above the street or higher if there are traffic signs or signals. He reminded residents it is important that your house numbers are visible from the street in case of an emergency.

Zoning/Code

Dr. Janiczek reminded residents that trash containers are not to be put out until sundown prior to the collection day. Regarding the inundation of foxes this summer, he noted foxes are harmless, unless you aggravate them. He asked residents not to put food out for them, or for any other stray animals.

Public Works

Mr. Layden reported for the month of June, total rounds were 5,252 bringing the year-to-date total to 17,726 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$223,328, bringing the year-to-date revenue total to \$722,846. The seven year moving average is \$637,581, leaving a positive variance of \$85,265.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the monthly pool report and noted second lifeguard save this year. The pool will be open 7 days a week until Labor Day. Membership continue to be accepted. Year-to-date revenue for the Pool total is \$229,791.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department monthly report. The Parks Department crew completed the resurfacing of the lower tennis court and installed new scoop diggers in the sand box at Williams Park. Playground equipment in Maple and Lehigh Parks was painted. A new layer of wood carpet

Parks

was put down for play areas in several parks. All field preparations to the baseballs field at Netherwood Park were completed for the Cal Ripken U12 State Baseball Tournament hosted by the Springfield A.A.

Red Light Cameras

Mr. Rudolph clarified the Township's position on the recent PA Senate approval for an amendment to the Red Light Camera Legislation, which would expand the current program for Pittsburgh and some municipalities surrounding Philadelphia. Springfield is the only community eligible for the program, with a population exceeding 20,000 and a full-time police force accredited by the PA Chiefs of Police Association. Mr. Rudolph announced the Township had no prior knowledge of this legislation and was surprised that Springfield was highlighted in a newspaper article. He stated that although Springfield is eligible for the program, there has been no discussion if the Township will participate. The Board of Commissioners will be reviewing the legislation before making a decision.

Police

Mr. Rudolph announced on Tuesday, August 7th, the Police Department will host the annual National Night Out celebration at the Springfield Country Club. The festivities include free admission to the Country Club Pool, complimentary food and beverages from local merchants, equipment displays by the Police Department and Fire Company, a live band and activities for the children.

State Road Bridge

He stated PennDOT continues to make progress in repairing the State Road Bridge over Darby Creek. The project has resulted in an increase in traffic through the residential neighborhoods near the construction. The Police Department has been diligent in patrolling this area and enforcing traffic violations. He announced the northbound side of State Road has been reopened to two lanes.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph read the fire safety tip for the month which was on pool safety and barbecue safety.

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

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

Mr. Layden noted a public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. this evening concerning the proposed zoning amendments. Ms. Lori DiFabio, Court Reporter, took the recorded the testimony presented during the proceedings.

Mr. Layden summarized the proposed ordinance amending the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance to create a new TND-6 Overlay District and establish regulations for a campus type development especially for municipal and complementary recreational and hospitality areas. Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1521. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Culp – aye, Mrs. Sage – aye, Mr. Wechsler – aye, Dr. Janiczek – aye, Mr. Layden – aye, Mr. Lanciano – aye. The motion was carried with a 6-0 vote.

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the proposed ordinance amending the Springfield Township Zoning Map to change the zoning classification of Delaware County Tax Parcel 42-00-06627-00 to the TND-6 Overlay District. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1523 amending Chapter 54 entitled "Garbage, Rubbish and Recyclables," by requiring junk dealers to obtain a permit to salvage along public roadways on the eve of trash collection days and scheduled bulk pick-up dates between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 p.m., and between the morning hours on the

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDINANCE #1521
Zoning Amendment
TND-6 Overlay District

ORDINANCE #1522
Zoning Map Amendment
TND-6 District

ORDINANCE #1523
Junk Dealers

ORDINANCE #1524
Roadway Dedications

scheduled trash collection days and scheduled bulk pick-up days between 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Junk dealers are prohibited from removing articles from private property without the permission of the private property owners. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved to accept formal dedication of Bailey’s Run Lane as a Township roadway, along with the sanitary sewer, drainage and access easements. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried. Dr. Janiczek moved to accept Carolee Circle as a Township roadway, along with the sanitary sewer, drainage and access easements. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Left Turns Prohibited

Dr. Janiczek read a proposed ordinance 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. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Stop Signs

Mr. Culp read a proposed ordinance creating a stop intersection at Avon Road and S. Alford Road facing southwestbound and northeastbound traffic. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Barking Dogs

Mr. Wechsler read a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 36-7, entitled “Barking Dogs” addressing the issue of barking dogs and crying cats disrupting the peace of the neighborhood can be deemed a public nuisance. Residents may report the incident to the Township which will then inform owners and citations may be issued. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Storm Water Management

Mr. Layden summarized a proposed ordinance approving PA Act 167, “Stormwater Management Plan for the Crum Creek Watershed” required to remain in compliance with the

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Stormwater requirement of our MS4 Permit. He moved that the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 119 be approved on its first reading and advertised. A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Building for public viewing. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #21-12 adopting the Second Amendment to the 2007 Supplemental Service Agreement between Central Delaware County Authority and its municipal members to accommodate the incorporation of the Revised CDCA Service Area into the 2007 Supplemental Service Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release Kimco Realty's (Springfield Shopping Center) Performance Bond in the amount of \$434,238.87, contingent upon the receipt of the required As-built Plan and completion of the necessary landscape requirements. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Mr. Jim Base, 492 Prospect Road, was reappointed to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, Mrs. Beth Burkhart, 949 Lincoln Avenue, was reappointed to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, questioned the following: the cost of getting the lower tennis court in Williams Park back to its original condition, the proposed stop sign at Avon & S. Alford Roads, and, why the refuse fee is not incorporated into the tax millage.

Dr. Janiczek moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #21-12
CDCA

RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE BOND

PLANNING
COMMISSION

AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT
(9:00 p.m.)