

JUNE 11, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

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

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Dr. Janiczek presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Garden Club of Springfield in recognition of their contribution and assistance to beautify and preserve Springfield's Best Management Practices (BMP) Storm Water Bio-retention basin located near the Township Building. Sue Clendenin, President of the Garden Club, thanked the Board for recognizing the Garden Club and also thanked the CRC Watersheds Association and Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Committee (STEAC) for the work they are doing. Mr. Layden presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Anne Murphy, Executive Director of the CRC Watersheds Association. She also thanked the Board for recognizing the Garden Club and STEAC for their efforts and expertise in helping to control water run-off in Springfield.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of May 14, 2013, were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Culp announced the 2013 Summer Reading Club will begin on June 24th for ages from birth through 8th grade. He read a list of special programs being held for children during the month of June. "Science in the Summer" program will be held during the week of July 8th. The topic for 2013 is Bioscience.

Library

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board will convene on June 27th to hear the continuation of applications ZH-13-01 and ZH-13-02 challenging the validity of the Township's Zoning Ordinance to permit off-premises signs at several locations along Baltimore Pike.

Zoning

Dr. Janiczek reported total tons of recycled paper collected for the month of May 2013 was 117 tons. The Township received \$60 per ton with revenue totaling \$7,020.00. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, 2013.

Public Works

Mr. Layden reported that during the month of May, total rounds were 4,604. The total revenue for the month was \$180,433.00, bringing the year-to-date total to \$386,985. The golf course was opened every day last month. He noted three new property entrance gardens were created in addition to the planting of over 800 new plants. Two new Bermuda grass tee-boxes were built and six were converted over to Bermuda grass.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano announced that prior to the 4th of July parade, a ceremony will be held at 7:30 a.m. at the Fire House where Springfield volunteers are recognized. This year's Township volunteer is Tom Grubb of the Park & Recreation Board.

Volunteer Wall

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of May. The Parks crew installed new wood carpet under playground equipment in Crowell Park, completed lacrosse field maintenance for the season,

Parks

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continued with weekly maintenance of the baseball fields, mulched the gardens at the Township Building, Library, Old Central School, and Wagner Wayside and Memorial Parks and installed new “dog ordinance” signs in all parks and Township-owned properties. He reminded residents to leash and clean-up after their dogs when using the parks.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano reported year-to-date pool revenue total is \$74,353.70. He noted to this year’s numbers are down and he hopes that it is the result of the weather and looking to see membership pick up as the season goes on. He read the pool weather and maintenance reports for the month of May. The pool will be open seven days a week beginning Saturday, June 15th until Labor Day.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph read the June’s s safety tip relating to basic water and pool safety. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around water is to learn to swim. Never leave a child unobserved around water. It takes as little as two inches of water and two minutes for a child to drown.

Police Department

Mr. Rudolph warned residents, especially the elderly, that they are continuously targeted by unscrupulous individuals that have developed all types of scams designed to confuse and take advantage of them for the sole purpose of stealing their hard-earned and often meager savings. Some of these schemes are drive-way sealant, home repairs, lottery scam, pigeon drop. He advised residents if you are not sure to take a moment to call the police or township.

4th of July Parade

Mr. Rudolph announced the annual 4th of July parade, hosted by the Lions Club, will be held on Thursday, July 4th. He encouraged all residents to attend the festivities which end up at Memorial Park.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

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On motion of Mr. Layden, seconded by Dr. Janiczek, the Treasurer's Report for May 2013 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Culp moved to award the sole bid for a 2013 Fire Pumper to Sutphen Corporation at a revised cost of \$492,405. The Township was awarded a discount of \$7,071 by Sutphen. Acceptance of the bid was recommended by the Fire Chief, Robert Woolson, and Fire Company President, Robert Fanelli. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved to approve the sale of Township vehicles and equipment sold through the MuniBid website to public entities. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried. Sales totaled approximately \$25,300.

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, Resolution No. 11-13 was adopted reappointing Mr. Bernie Stein, 818 W. Rolling Road to another five-year term as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Mr. George Troilo, 453 Maplewood Road, a three year term as an alternative of the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision/Lot Line change located at Covenant Methodist Church, 11 & 23 Saxer Avenue, contingent upon the Township Engineer's comments. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

On motion of Mr. Layden, Commissioners Culp and Wechsler, and employee representative Mr. Artese were reappointed to a two year term on the Civilian Pension Plan Committee. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BIDS: Fire Pumper

SALE OF SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION #11-13
Zoning Hearing Board
Member

RESOLUTION #12-13
Zoning Hearing Board
Alternate Member

SUBDISIVION PLAN
11 & 23 Saxer Avenue

CIVILIAN PENSION
PLAN COMMITTEE

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Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Matt Owens, 437 Briarhill Road and Patrick Murphy, 128 Grandview Road, to three year terms on the Uniformed Construction Appeals Board. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:25 p.m.)

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