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## PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners held a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. this evening to hear testimony on proposed amendments to the Zoning Code. As follows; Article II, Section 143-9.B. "Terms Defined" to add a definition for Public School Bus Operations Facility, and, Article IV, "A", Residence District, Section 143-14.(5) Use Regulations, to add "Public School Bus Operations Facility" on tracts of at least two acres with access to an arterial roadway provided the tract has a history of prior nonresidential use. A court reporter was present to take verbatim testimony.

## REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in the Township Building.

## ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Hoffman, Messrs. Kelly, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Fulton and Byrne.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Wechsler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PRESENTATION

Mr. Wechsler announced that this year's annual St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal is the Springfield Fire Company. The Fire Company is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Mr. Steve Burns, Chairperson of the parade committee, thanked the Board of Commissioners and the township's departments responsible for the work which made this happen. He said due to the health situation, as of today, the parade is still on. Mr. Fanelli, Fire Company President, accepting the Proclamation on behalf of the Springfield Fire Company, thanked the Board of Commissioners and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for nominating the Fire Company.

## MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Hoffman, the minutes of February 11, 2020 was approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mrs. Sage announced the Ice Rink's final public skating session will be on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Sage announced there is a discount of \$50 if you join the pool before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hoffman announced the youth programs winter session II began on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run through April 10. A family STEM program is scheduled on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 10 am and noon. Children 5 and older will learn to code, make stop animation movies and more.

Mr. Wechsler reported that the Township receives notice when Aqua, Septa and PECO are doing work in this area. They are doing a tremendous job with the upkeep of the Township's infrastructure.

Mr. Kelly reported the Highway Department is in the process of filling potholes. Residents are asked to report any potholes that are in need of patching to the Public Works office. If potholes are located on state highways, those locations will be forwarded to PennDOT for repairs.

Mr. Kelly reported for the month of February, the Health Officer inspected 8 restaurants, 5 retail establishments and 2 reinspections. He said Springfield recently received \$142,797.00 (Township's 90% reimbursement) from a PA DEP 902 Grant. This funding was used to purchase recycling containers, 3 leaf machines and 6 leaf boxes. Mr. Kelly announced the Chester-Ridley-Crum watershed clean-up is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> and the Darby/Cobbs Creek watershed clean-up is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ice Rink

Pool

Library

Township Infrastructure

Public Works

Health

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## Zoning

Mr. Layden reported there were no zoning hearings held in February. On March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene and hear two applications. Mission BBQ are requesting a variance to permit a second wall sign at 1130 Baltimore Pike, Olde Sproul Shopping Village. The second hearing involves a Special Use to permit a childcare center at 891 Baltimore Pike.

## Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks crew began installing a new play system at Walsh Park. The installation should be completed by the end of next week. New wood carpet is being laid under the playground equipment at Crowell, New and Old Netherwood and Williams Park. They re-build the bridge leading into Greenbrier Park. A new split rail fence was installed at the end of the parking lot at Memorial Park.

St. Patrick's Day  
Parade

Mr. Rudolph announced the St. Patrick's Day Parade will begin at noon on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Marshal is the Springfield Fire Company.

## BILL SUBMITTED

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

ORDINANCE #1607  
Zoning Amendment

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1607 approving an amendment to the Zoning Code to allow the building of a public school bus facility located at the asphalt plant on Eagle Road. This will allow additional parking for students and teachers at the high school. The Ordinance shall be effective five days from enactment, Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #6-20  
Police Chaplain

Mrs. Hoffman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 6-20 appointing Reverend Joseph Jacobson, Jr., Senior Pastor of Aldan Union Church, to serve as Police Chaplain for the Springfield Township Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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Mrs. Sage stated the Township is required to maintain a permit with the PA Department of Environmental Protection as an operator of a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). Storm water information is available on the Springfield's Facebook page, website and at the Township Building. Mrs. Sage moved to approve the required reading of the update. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

MS4 UPDATE  
YEAR 2

Mr. Byrne explained the cable agreements are governed by franchise agreements since their cable are located in the township's right-of-ways which are controlled by the FCC. Townships can get up to 5% of the franchise fee gross revenues. As part of the agreement, the Township will receive funds from a Public Education Grant (PEG) to be used for our community public TV stations, Verizon channel 5 and Comcast channel 30.

CABLE AGREEMENTS

Mr. Kelly moved to approve the agreement between Comcast and Springfield Township for 10 years, subject to approval by the Township Solicitor and Township Manager. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

COMCAST - Franchise  
Agreement

Mr. Layden moved to approve the cable agreement between the Township and Verizon for five years, subject to final review and approval by the Township Solicitor and Township Manager. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

VERIZON - Franchise  
Agreement

Mr. Lanciano moved to authorize the receipt of bids for the 2020 Overlay-Milling Program. The Township will continue to partner with Marple and Swarthmore to competitively bid for material and services to complete the overlay and milling needs in the upcoming season. The solicitation details and deadline for the bids will be posted at a later time. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried,

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Kelly moved for the reappointment of Nicholas Kutufaris, 124 Parkview Drive, to a three year term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMITTEE

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, requested a "No Turn on Red" sign be placed on Powell Road facing east at the intersection with Woodland Avenue. He stated that he and his wife almost were hit several times while crossing at that intersection. He also requested the walkway be striped across the road to make it more visible.

Mr. Richard Roth, 701 Parker Road, commented on an issue he is having with the Rolling Green Golf Club deforesting the golf course, and, allowing the section near his house to be overgrown with weeds and used as a dump for dead trees. Mr. Roth believes that dumping will hurt his property value. Mr. Roth said he was told by Rolling Green that they were going to plant grass. Mr. Fulton stated that he and Mr. Abel met with Mr. LaTrenta and Mr. LaTrenta disagreed with the Townships' remarks. Mr. Fulton said that they are not being good neighbors and it is not an acceptable situation. Mr. Fulton said that a meeting will be set up with the golf course along with the Township's License & Inspections Department and the Township Engineer. Mr. Rudolph added that he wants the Township Solicitor involved too.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:50 p.m.)

Mr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.