

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mmes. Sage. Messrs. Kelly, Layden, Lanciano and Kennedy. Also, present was Messrs. Byrne, Fulton and Lucas.

INVOCATION

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

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Sage acknowledged our Springfield Country Club Facilities Manager, Jim Simpson as well as our Pool Manager, Christina Hess and thanked them for their hard work and stated what a good job they do. Mrs. Sage presented three of our Lifeguards with awards for their heroic and immediate lifesaving actions. The Lifeguards are Carli Henderson, Alexis Aaron and Grace Todd who was present to receive her award.

Chief Joseph Daly recognized the following Officers and presented them with lifesaving awards, David Welsh, Kyle Cutcliffe, Bradley Lord, Gary Walsh and Off Duty Nurse Rochelle Cruz, for their life saving heroic actions on August 22, 2021, when Desmond Hawkins went into Cardiac Arrest at Urban Air located at 1260 E. Woodland Avenue. If it was not for the lifesaving actions of Mrs. Cruz and the quick action of the Springfield Police, Desmond would not have survived. President Rudolph thanked everyone involved and stated that this is a testament to friends helping friends and the Police Department, this is what the fabric of community is truly about.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Layden, the minutes of August 10, 2021, were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Hearing none the meeting continued.

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President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Mrs. Sage reported that the Springfield Ice Rink is open and fully operational. Renting ice, public skating, parties and private skating lessons are all available. For more information go to our website at www.springfieldicerink.com.

ICE RINK

Mr. Kelly reported for Public Works the tonnage totals were as follows: Municipal Waste 943.41, Paper Recycling 84.72, Commingle Recycling, 69.14, Bulk Waste 29.74 and TV, air conditioners & refrigerators were 3.625.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Kelly reported there were 10 restaurants inspected, 9 retail establishments, 3 re-inspections. There were 6 Sanitation problems, 1 cat bite, 1 dog bite, and 3 animal nuisances. The third Household Hazardous waste collection will be on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill, PA 19079. This is an ideal way to dispose of Flammables, non-alkaline batteries, as well as items containing Mercury in an environmentally safe way. To reserve a time Slot, register at <http://delcohhwevents.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9627. Also, Springfield Township is a Co-sponsor of the Electronic Recycling Event scheduled for Saturday, September 25th from 9am to 1pm at Delaware County Community College, 901 S. Media Line Rd., Media, PA 19063. Pre-registration is required through:

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<https://www.Eventbrite.com/e/electronics-recyclig-day-anything-with-a-Plug-tickets>.

ZONING

Mr. Layden reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened a special public meeting on August 26, 2021, to hear and render decisions of the following: ZH-21-03 the continuation of the application of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, LLC., owner/petitioner, is seeking dimensional, sign and certain TND requirement variances from the Zoning Ordinance. The property is 675 Baltimore Pike.

ZH-21-08: Dom & Mia's, LLC, are seeking a Special Exception approval to permit use of a premises as a restaurant larger than 2,000 square feet pursuant to §143-88. E (8) of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board will render a decision on the application at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The property is located in the "E" Business and TND-1 Overlay Districts, as depicted on Zoning Map, and is known as 145-149 Saxer Avenue. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Regularly Scheduled Public Meeting on September 23, 2021, at 7:30pm at the Township Building, 50 Powell Road, to hear and render decisions on the following zoning hearing applications: ZH-21-03 the continuation of the Application of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, LLC. Owner/Petitioner, seeking dimensional, sign and certain TND requirement variances from the Zoning Ordinance to permit the redevelopment of the property located at 675 Baltimore Pike. ZH-21:08: The continuation of the application of Dom & Mia's, LLC, petitioner, seeking a Special Exception approval to permit the use of the premises as a restaurant larger than 2,000 square feet located at 145-149 Saxer Avenue.

ZH-21-09: The application of Thomas Savage, owner petitioner, seeks a special Exception from the Zoning Ordinance to permit a garage height of 18 feet, wherein 12 feet is permitted. §143-111.1(1) (a) may permit a garage height of 18 feet as a Special Exception. The property is located in the "A" Residence District and is known as: 153 S. Rolling Road.

ZH-21-10: The Application of 674 Baltimore Pike, LLC., by their attorney, is seeking the following use determinations and/or special exception or variance from a prior Conditional Use Approval and a variance for a sign.

Mr. Layden reported for the month of August, the total rounds were 5,270 bringing the year-to-date total to 22,441 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$273,747.00, bringing the course year-to-date revenue total to \$1,455,721.00. The seven-year moving average for this time is \$949,599.00 which gives us a positive variance of \$506,122.00. The Golf shop total revenue for the month of August was \$18,902.00, bringing the shop's year to date total sales to \$94,827.00. Due to the hot dry weather, much of the time has been spent hand watering dry spots, managing turf diseases. Completed all Country Club storm damage responsibilities. Regular daily maintenance of the country club continues.

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department installed New Wood Carpet under playgrounds at Lehigh, Indian Rock, and Old Netherwood Parks. Cleaned the creek and removed logs in Rolling Green Park behind houses on Doe Run Lane. Removed three dead trees from the front parking lot at Church Road Park. Trimmed back and improved the Powell Road Entrance to Williams Park. Installed new split rail fence at Rolling Green and Netherwood Parks, and at the retention basin on Barclay Circle. Started on the installation of the playground at Crowell Park. We anticipate this taking between seven and ten days. Continuing with weekly cutting and trash removal in all Parks and Township owned properties. Phase one of the trail project has been completed, and phase two is in the process of being engineered and preparing to go out for bid. Update on Meadow green Park, most of the grading has been completed, and the parking lot has been curbed and stoned with paving scheduled to be done this week. Sidewalks are installed and paths are stoned and ready for paving. Moving forward will be the spreading of the topsoil on the field and seeding. Planting of the rain garden is scheduled in the

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coming weeks to be followed by tree planting later this month or next.

PRESIDENT

President Rudolph spoke about September 11th, that it was the twentieth anniversary and that three thousand lives perished that day, all of whom are heroes, trapped in buildings, planes, those that ran into buildings to assist and have been assisting for the last twenty years by fighting against the war on terrorism in our global theatre. The amount of heroism shown that day is second to none in our history and should never be forgotten and he asked that everyone join him in a moment of silence for everyone that perished on September 11, 2001.

Springfield Family Day will be Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. on the Springfield Township Building grounds. There will be food vendors, pony rides, and other activities for the whole family to enjoy. The Run for Heroes will be Sunday, October 10, 2021, the Run for Heroes is the largest contributor to the Heroes Scholarship Fund which educates secondary education for, fireman, first responders who have been lost in the line of duty, their children. It is a worthy cause. Come out and walk or run a 5K through Springfield. President Rudolph stated he received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Hoffman, due to family commitments she can no longer perform the duties required as a Commissioner and wished the Board well in all they do. The Board of Commissioners all commented on how nice it was working with Commissioner Hoffman and how they will miss her and will keep in touch with her.

SOLICITOR

Mr. James Byrne stated as per the First-Class Township Code, the board now has thirty days to appoint a new Third Ward Commissioner, if the Board of Commissioners did not make an appointment, then it would go to the vacancy board and then to the Courts for an appointment. Applications will be accepted within the next fourteen days and then the applicants have to be interviewed at Public Meetings. Applicants have to be a resident of the third ward and have to submit their application to the Township Manager by

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September 28, 2021.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept the bills as submitted, second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

BILLS
SUBMITTED

Mr. Lanciano made a motion that Springfield Township award the Sproul Road (S.R. 320), Beatty Road (S.R. 2018) & Woodland Avenue (S.R. 0420) project to Armour & Sons, Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$380,135.00, contingent upon their execution of the Contract and supply of the required bonds and Insurance second by Mr. Layden and carried.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

Award of Bids -
Signal Modernization
W. Sproul Rd. &
W. Woodland Ave.

Mr. Kelly made a motion upon the recommendation of William J. Cervino, Zoning Officer to release the remaining Engineering Review Fees Escrow in the amount of Three Thousand Seventy-six dollars and Twenty-Five cents (\$3,076.25) to Stanley and Caryl Johnson, 465 Lynbrooke Rd. for the subject project. The record plan for the project was received by the Township on September 8, 2021, second by Mr. Layden and carried.

Escrow Fees Released

Mrs. Sage made a motion upon the recommendation of William J. Cervino, Zoning Officer to release the remaining Legal and Engineering Review Fees Escrow in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen dollars and Twenty-Five cents (\$4,216.25) to Dougherty Subdivision - DTC Homes, LLC, 501 Yale – 4 & 6 Myrtle Avenue, for the subject project. A declaration of total completion for the project was executed by the Township on August 3, 2021, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Escrow Fees Released

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NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License Transfer

Mr. James J. Byrne, Solicitor stated there was a public hearing earlier this evening, this is a state law that requires all Municipalities to have a public hearing for the transfer of a liquor license into the town, then the Board of Commissioners will make a motion to either grant or deny the application.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the proposed transfer of Restaurant liquor license #R-3017 from 4990 State Road, Upper Darby, into Springfield Township by Ruby's Cajun LLC to the premises located at 1250 Baltimore Pike, Space U-22B, in Springfield Township subject to the Solicitor's approval and requirements as well as LCB approval, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION 11-21

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #12-21, Delaware County's Greenways Grant for the improvement or acquisition of municipal recreation land or for planning services for such activities, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Planning Commission

Mr. Layden reported the Planning Commission met on September 2, 2021, and recommended approval of the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Anthony's Take Out, 5 E. Springfield Road contingent upon compliance with all comments noted in the Township Engineer's report dated August 27, 2021, and best efforts regarding the fence comments. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Kennedy reported the Planning Commission met on September 2, 2021, and recommended approval of the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Lisa Nicholson, 115 Overhill Road, contingent upon compliance with all comments noted in Township Engineers report dated

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August 27, 2001. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Kelly reported that there was an email from a resident, Gina Crossan, 18 Wayne Ave., inquiring about a flag for her father who served in Vietnam and is a retired Philadelphia Police Officer. Mr. Kelly apologized for not responding and thanked her father for his service in Vietnam as well as a Philadelphia Police Officer. With regards to the Banner program, the American Legion has the full support of the Board of Commissioners, the program is not being held up. By next year we should have a process in place where 10 banners per year will be put up in a centralized location, possibly Powell Road and Saxer Avenue and we want to make sure it is done right in a way to honor our heroes and make certain the flags are maintained.

Mr. Dan Wallin, 1015 Lincoln Avenue, inquired about a pickle ball court in Springfield Township and thanked Mr. Lanciano for his support. President Rudolph stated we must follow a process for the Pickle Ball Court, and it is not a matter of if but when and where.

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Kelly and carried. (8:50p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT