

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, April 8, 2020, at 7:30 PM for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. Due to social distancing guidelines in effect at the time of the meeting, as well as the stay at home order issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania, the meeting was conducted utilizing the Zoom video conferencing platform. All members of the Board of Commissioners participated in the meeting. Mr. Standish presided.

Mr. Standish asked everyone to join the Board of Commissioners in a moment of silent reflection honoring the service men and women who place themselves in harm's way in order to help preserve our safety at home and overseas.

Mr. Standish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Graham/Wilson), carried unanimously, dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approving same as written and recorded in the official minute book of the Township.

Mr. Standish announced that representatives from the Dilworth-Paxson Law Firm and Public Financial Management would be participating in tonight's meeting in order to assist with any questions associated with the refinancing of an existing General Obligation Note.

Mr. Standish acknowledged the attendance of former Commissioner Glenn Schaum at the meeting, and Mr. Harbison noted the presence of Peter Ilyin, an Eagle Scout candidate.

Mr. Standish announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session meeting on April 6, 2020 as part of the regularly scheduled workshop meeting held on that date to discuss one personnel matter.

Mr. Standish made an announcement with regard to the COVID-19 virus and the actions being taken by the Township and its first responders to maintain services to the community during the current global pandemic.

Mr. Standish announced that as part of the advertising for tonight's business meeting, an effort was made to solicit public comment in advance of the meeting. Public comment was accepted via e-mail up to 6 PM prior to the meeting but there were no comments were received.

Mr. Standish announced that the Board was also open to receiving public comment as part of the current meeting, and that the Board drew particular attention to those items listed on the agenda. No public comment was received.

Mr. Standish, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, reported:

Mr. Standish announced that the Rex subdivision proposes to relocate the existing property line between Montgomery County Tax Map Parcel #52-00-16666-00-4 (identified as Lot 2) and the adjacent property located at 805 Stevens Road (identified as Lot 1). The plan

proposes to shift the common property line approximately twenty feet to the south in order to provide a conforming side yard setback for the dwelling located at 805 Stevens Road. There is no development proposed for either Lot 1 or Lot 2 at this time.

Motion (Standish/Maxwell), carried unanimously, to approve the subdivision/lot line change for Gilbert Steven Rex prepared by Durkin Associates, Inc. dated June 30, 2017, last revised March 6, 2020, consisting of a one sheet plan set. The plan approvals include the following waivers or partial waivers to the requirements of the subdivision and land development ordinance which are hereby deferred:

1. 95-7 Contents of Preliminary and Final Plans, Subsections C, E, F, G (1), (3), (4) and (5), H and I.
2. 95-11 Other Standards and Specifications, Subsections E and I.

The plan approval is also subject to the condition that prior to the recording of the plan, a note shall be added to the plan that requires the owner of Lot #2 to obtain Land Development approval from the Board of Commissioners before any development may occur.

Mr. Harbison, Chairman of Internal Affairs and Library Committees, reported:

Motion (Harbison/Lee), carried unanimously, to approve the March check reconciliation in the amount \$357,895.52 and the April bill listing in the amount of \$707,483.56.

Motion (Harbison/Wilson), carried unanimously, to enact Ordinance No. 965, an ordinance authorizing the sale and issuance of a General Obligation Note, Series of 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$9.5 million to TD Bank, N.A. The proceeds of the Note will be utilized to refinance the Township's existing General Obligation Note, Series of 2016. The new Note bears a fixed interest rate of 1.55% for 17 years and is estimated to save the Township approximately \$544,834 in interest payments.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of Cultural and Environmental Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. Wilson announced that during the month of March 2020, Springfield Township residents recycled 172.58 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 83.4%. The net cost for the month was \$26,800.23.

Mr. Wilson made an announcement with regard to the Friends of Hillcrest Pond annual Sunday Family Fish Day that was to be held on April 19, but must be cancelled due to the Covid-19 emergency. Mr. Wilson also indicated that the Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, opened the statewide 2020 Trout Season on April 7 and that all properly licensed adult anglers and youth may now begin fishing and harvesting trout in accordance with all state regulations, provided that social distancing guidelines are observed. Mr. Wilson encouraged anglers to limit travel by fishing close to home, cover their faces with a mask or cloth, fish only with members of their immediate family living in the same household, and never share fishing gear. It was also suggested that if another angler is in an area you intend to fish, please move to another location.

Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Parks and Recreational Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. Graham explained that the 2020 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Program provides grants to enhance community parks and recreation facilities. Grant amounts average between \$100,000 and \$200,000, and require a 50% local match.

Motion (Graham/Wilson), carried unanimously, to adopt Resolution #1491, a resolution authorizing application to the 2020 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Program for the Mermaid Park Stream and Habitat Restoration Project, and the Cisco Park Playground Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. Graham indicated that both projects will require a local match in the amount of \$123,500, and \$134,376, respectively, and that the Township has applied for other grants to fulfill its local match obligations.

Mr. Maxwell, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported:

Motion (Maxwell/Lee), carried unanimously, to extend a conditional offer of employment to Andrew R. Seltzer, of Horsham, PA, as a probationary police officer with the Springfield Township Police Department. Mr. Maxwell explained that the offer of employment is conditioned upon Mr. Seltzer successfully completing a medical and psychological examination, and shall become effective on April 27, 2020.

Mr. Maxwell noted that Mr. Seltzer is currently employed as a police officer with the West Chester University Department of Public Safety, and that his appointment will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of a police lieutenant earlier this year.

Mr. Cobb, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Cobb announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will next meet on April 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Cobb indicated that due to social distancing guidelines and Governor Wolf's stay at home order, the meeting would be held via the Zoom video conferencing platform. Instructions on how to join the meeting are available on the Springfield Township website. Mr. Cobb summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Mr. Lee, Chairman of the Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Mr. Lee made an announcement with regard to the Township's 2020 Arbor Day celebration that was to be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Springfield Township Municipal Campus, but must be postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Lee indicated that this year's celebration was to also celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, and was to include an open house and tour of the municipal campus facilities. Mr. Lee indicated that it is the Township's intention to conduct an Arbor Day celebration and open house festivities this fall at a date to be determined.

Motion (Lee/Wilson), carried unanimously, to adopt Resolution #1492, a resolution proclaiming Saturday, April 25 as Arbor Day in Springfield Township.

Mr. Lee suggested that even though the Township cannot celebrate Arbor Day as planned, the Board of Commissioners urges all citizens to support efforts to plant new trees and to protect existing trees and woodlands.

Motion (Lee/Graham), carried unanimously, to authorize the advertisement of Public Bids for the Township's 2020 Highway Resurfacing Program.

Mr. Lee announced that a total of 13 streets are proposed to be resurfaced in 2020 at an estimated cost to the Township of \$324,600. Copies of the bids specifications for the project, along with a complete list of streets to be resurfaced, will be made available in the office of the Township Manager.

Mr. Standish announced that the Board was once again open to receiving public comment. No public comment was received.

Mr. Maxwell wished to acknowledge the adjustments that all Township employees have made in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and associated stay at home order. While the police and public works employees are most visible to the public, Mr. Maxwell noted that there are many employees working remotely and behind the scenes to ensure that all of the township's operations continue to function without interruption to the public.

Motion (Maxwell/Graham), carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Michael Taylor,  
Secretary