

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, June 10, 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 Governor of Pennsylvania's stay-at-home order, the meeting was conducted utilizing the Zoom video conferencing platform. All members of the Board were present with the exception of Mr. Maxwell. 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 (Wilson/Graham), vote 6-0, 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 Commissioner Maxwell was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to a business commitment.

Mr. Standish recited a statement condemning a recent press release issued by Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Gale in response to the protests and demonstrations that occurred in the wake of the tragic death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis City Police Officers.

Mr. Standish made an announcement with regard to the COVID-19 virus and Montgomery County's transition to the "Yellow Phase" of Governor Tom Wolf's re-opening plan for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Standish noted that as a result of this transition, all township employees have resumed in-person operations, but that all township buildings remain closed to the public. However, accommodations have been made to conduct no-contact business transactions at the police, administration and library buildings.

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 5 PM prior to the meeting but there were no comments 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:

Motion (Standish/Cobb), vote 6-0, to accept a letter dated June 9, 2020 from Ken King, Business Administrator for the School District of Springfield Township, extending the 90-day subdivision/land development review period without limitation as to time for the

project known as the Enfield Elementary School Athletic Facility. The extension of time will allow the School District the opportunity to revise their land development plans to be in compliance with the Springfield Township Code.

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

Motion (Harbison/Graham), vote 6-0, to enact Ordinance No. 966, an ordinance amending the codified Ordinances of Springfield Township, Chapter 63, Pensions, to adjust the 12-month period used to calculate the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the 3 defined benefit pension plans.

Mr. Harbison noted that the regulations currently contained in the Township's pension ordinance require the Township to measure the CPI from January to January of each year, which creates accounting and administrative issues. The proposed adjustment period will measure the CPI from October to October of each year, and will allow the cost of living adjustment to be provided to retirees with their January pension payment.

Motion (Harbison/Wilson), vote 6-0, Commissioners approve the May check reconciliation in the amount \$864,404.70 and the June bill listing in the amount of \$425,436.24.

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

Mr. Wilson announced that during the month of May 2020, Springfield Township residents recycled 188.18 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 80.2%. The net cost for the month was \$25,737.10.

Motion (Wilson/Graham), vote 6-0, to reappoint Joy Bergey, of Flourtown, and Chris Richter, of Wyndmoor, to new, three-year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. The new, three-year terms of service for Ms. Bergey and Mr. Richter shall expire June 14, 2023.

Mr. Wilson announced that on June 17, 2020, the Environmental Advisory Commission would be hosting a solar panel webinar via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Mr. Wilson noted that the webinar is to begin at 7 PM and is open to all interested individuals. More information is available on the Environmental Advisory Commission Facebook page.

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

Mr. Graham announced that due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and associated guidelines to limit outdoor gatherings to 250 persons or less, it is with great regret that the Board of Commissioners announces that the Lions Club of Oreland has decided not to conduct their annual Independence Day Parade this year. Mr. Graham noted that the Lions Club has organized the parade for the last 69 years, and the Board of Commissioners looks forward to working with the Lions Club next year when conditions allow the parade and its associated events to resume.

Mr. Graham was pleased to announce that Springfield Township has been awarded a MontCo 2040 Implementation Grant in the amount of \$197,600 for the Mermaid Park Stream and Habitat Restoration Project. Mr. Graham explained that the project will restore the natural habitat and improve the water quality in Mermaid Park in Wyndmoor via streambank stabilization activities, the planting of a riparian buffer, dredging of Mermaid Pond, and the installation of a pre-filtration pond/artificial wetland to capture and prevent excess sediment from entering the pond. A walking trail around the park perimeter will also be constructed to provide additional recreational opportunities.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Mr. Graham thanked the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Planning Commission, and the Montco 2040 Grant Evaluation Committee for seeing the value in this proposed project and providing this generous award.

Mr. Graham announced that on Saturday, June 13 at noon, a prayer vigil will be conducted at Cisco Park to protest the death of George Floyd, a private citizen who died while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. Mr. Graham indicated that the event has been organized by himself and the Springfield Township Multicultural Parents Association. Attendees were encouraged to wear masks and gloves, and to practice social distancing.

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

Mr. Cobb summarized the lone petition to be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board of Springfield Township on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7 PM. Mr. Cobb noted that the meeting would be conducted via the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

Motion (Cobb/Lee), vote 6-0, to adopt Resolution No. 1497, a resolution permitting restaurants to utilize temporary outdoor seating for dine-in service in outdoor areas while Montgomery County is in the “Yellow Phase” of Governor Tom Wolf’s Plan for Reopening the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

Motion (Lee/Wilson), vote 6-0, to adopt Resolution No. 1496, a resolution authorizing a modification to the existing traffic signal permit plan for the intersection of Paper Mill Road and Montgomery Avenue to include “continental-style” crosswalks.

Mr. Lee noted that continental style crosswalks are high-visibility roadway markings using thick, vertical striping that are used in place of traditional crosswalks that typically consist of just two parallel lines. Mr. Lee clarified that the subject intersection is already painted with the higher visibility crosswalk markings and therefore Resolution No. 1496 is intended only to reflect what is already in place.

Motion (Lee/Wilson), vote 6-0, that in accordance with Section 1501 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the sale of the following used vehicles and equipment through the Municibid online public auction site:

- 2005 Chevrolet K3500 Dump Truck
- 1999 MPH Industries Speed Radar Trailer
- Push Bumper for a 2005 Chevrolet K3500
- Under hood bolt-on air compressor
- 2020 Ford Explorer hood
- Miscellaneous equipment that is no longer utilized
- Salvage contents of the former church rectory building located at 1200 Willow Grove Avenue

Mr. Standish announced that the Board was once again open to receiving public comment.

Betsy Wallace, Wyndmoor, requested a copy of the statement condemning Joe Gale's press release. Mr. Standish indicated that a copy would be made available on the Township's website.

Motion (Graham/Wilson) vote 6-0, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Michael Taylor,
Secretary