

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in public meeting for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Springfield Township Building. The meeting was also offered in a live streaming feature. Mr. Graham announced that the video would be made available on the Township's website beginning Thursday, February 10, 2022. All members of the Board were present. Mr. Graham presided.

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

Mr. Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Standish-Lee) 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. Graham announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session as part of their February 7, 2022 workshop meeting to discuss two potential litigation matters, one personnel matter, and one real estate matter.

Mr. Graham opened the meeting to public comments. No comments were received.

Mr. Graham, Chairman of Library Advisory Committee, reported:

Mr. Graham announced that the by-laws of the Library Advisory Committee state that the Committee will be comprised of seven members and one alternate member. Of the seven voting members, one shall be a representative of the School District of Springfield Township.

Motion (Graham-Wilson) carried unanimously that the Board of Commissioners appoint Gretchen Slapinsky, School Board Member, to fill an unexpired term of service as a member of the Library Advisory Committee. Mrs. Slapinsky's term of service shall expire December 31, 2023.

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

Motion (Standish-Lee) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated February 3, 2022, from Craig R. Lewis, counsel for Federal Realty Investment Trust, extending the 90-day subdivision/land development plan review period up to and including March 31, 2022. The extension of time will provide Federal Realty the opportunity to revise their land development plans to be in compliance with the Springfield Township and Whitmarsh Township Codes.

Motion (Standish-Maxwell) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated January 24, 2022, from Raymond Webb, Partner, Flourtown Swim Club, extending the 90-day subdivision/land development plan review period until May 15, 2022. The extension of time will provide the Flourtown Swim Club the opportunity to revise their land development plans for the construction of a 3,200 square foot club house to be in compliance with the Springfield Township Code.

Motion (Standish-Cobb) carried unanimously that in compliance with section 512.1 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the Board waive the formal land development plan review process for LaSalle College High School, in order to permit the school to convert two athletic fields from natural grass to synthetic turf. The fields are located along Cheltenham Avenue near Patton Road, and are otherwise known as the Lower Bartley Fields. The waiver is conditioned upon the following: (1) submission of a stormwater management plan and construction of appropriate stormwater management facilities to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, (2) execution of a stormwater operations and maintenance agreement, (3) submission of a landscape plan for the immediate area of construction, (4) presentation of appropriate surety to guarantee the construction of the stormwater management facilities, and (5) obtaining all other necessary permits and approvals from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and the Montgomery County Conservation District.

Motion (Standish-Ratsavong) carried unanimously to reappoint Amanda Helwig and Joseph Devine, to new, four year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Planning Commission. The new terms of service shall expire on February 16, 2026.

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

Mr. Wilson announced that during the month of January 2022, Springfield Township residents recycled 181.9 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 67.8%. The net cost for the month was \$21,131.04.

Mr. Wilson announced that on January 9, 2019, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 1469, a resolution supporting the Township's vision for a 100% clean renewable energy future. The resolution establishes targets for the transition to 100% renewable energy and transportation by the year 2050. As part of this effort, the Township's Environmental Advisory Commission has created a Clean Energy Transportation Plan in order to guide the Township's transition from conventional fossil-fuel vehicles, to emission-free clean energy vehicles by 2050.

Motion (Wilson-Cobb) carried unanimously to adopt the Springfield Township Energy Transition Plan outlining a path to 100% zero emission vehicles by 2050.

Mr. Wilson commended Joy Bergey and Desiree Rammon for their work on the Plan. Mr. Cobb echoed Mr. Wilson's comments.

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

Mr. Maxwell announced that On February 3, 2022, bids were received for the supply and installation of school zone warning flashers along Paper Mill Road and Montgomery Avenue in

the vicinity of the new Enfield Elementary School. Four bids were received ranging from \$124,959 to \$154,181.49, plus alternates.

Motion (Maxwell-Lee) carried unanimously to award a contract to Carr & Duff, Inc. to supply and install school zone warning signals in accordance with their low base bid price of \$124,959 and, if required, alternate #1 (sidewalk restoration) in the amount of \$3,600. All costs associated with the design and installation of the signals will be reimbursed by the School District of Springfield Township in accordance with the land development approvals obtained for the construction of the new Enfield Elementary School.

Motion (Maxwell-Wilson) carried unanimously to authorize the sale of a used, 2006 Gravely Pro-Master 260Z zero turn mower via the Municibid on-line auction site. The estimated value of the mower is \$1,000.

Mr. Cobb, Chairman of Administrative, Fiscal Affairs and Zoning Committees, reported:

Motion (Cobb-Wilson) carried unanimously to approve the January check reconciliation in the amount of \$611,598.50, and the February bill listing in the amount of \$474,451.79.

Mr. Cobb announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Cobb summarized the Zoning Hearing Board agenda and announced that copies of the applications and plans are on file in the Community Development Office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

Motion (Cobb-Maxwell) carried unanimously, with respect to the petition submitted by the Flourtown Swim Club, to authorize the Township Solicitor's Office to attend the February 28, 2022 meeting, as well as any subsequent meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board of Springfield Township on this application, in order to establish a record of the proceedings, and to inquire in detail about the use of (and proposed stormwater detention for) a proposed 3,200 square foot building that is to be constructed at a property located to the rear of 1528 Bethlehem Pike.

Motion (Cobb-Standish) vote 6-0-1, Cobb abstained, with respect to the petition submitted by William and Cathy Murphy, to authorize the Township Solicitor's Office to attend the February 28, 2022 meeting, and any subsequent meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board of Springfield Township on this application, in order to defend the zoning officer's determination and to oppose a variance request related to the proposed re-grading of a lot in excess of 40%, and to also oppose a variance request seeking a reduction to the required front yard set-back in order to construct a new, single family dwelling at a property known as Tax Map Parcel #52-00-03025-01-09 located on Carolton Way, Flourtown. Mr. Cobb wished to abstain from the vote pending a conversation with the applicants with regard to their intentions for the property.

Mr. Lee, Chairman of Public Safety Committee, had no report.

Ms. Ratsavong, Chairwoman of Parks and Recreational Resources Committee, reported:

Ms. Ratsavong noted that the by-laws of the Springfield Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee state that the Committee shall be comprised of seven members, two of whom shall be appointed by the School Board of Directors, and of those two, one shall be a School Board Member. Ms. Ratsavong announced that the School Board member position is currently vacant.

Motion (Ratsavong-Cobb) carried unanimously to appoint Neil DiFranco, School Board Member, to fill an unexpired term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Mr. DiFranco's term of service shall expire May 12, 2022.

Motion (Ratsavong-Wilson) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1561, a resolution authorizing application to the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program for the Cisco Park Improvements Project, and Phase I of the 1725 Walnut Avenue Park Redevelopment Project. The value of the Cisco Park application is \$130,000 while the Township's request for the Walnut Avenue Park Redevelopment project is \$200,000.

Mr. Lee inquired as to when the County might make a decision on the application. He was informed that it is anticipated we would hear back in June. Mr. Cobb asked for confirmation that only one project can be approved. Mr. Wilson clarified that the application for Cisco Park would be a supplemental grant if approved.

Motion (Ratsavong-Lee) carried unanimously to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute Land Use Agreements with the Springfield Little League Baseball and Softball organizations for the use of specified Township facilities. The Agreements set forth the obligations of the two organizations with respect to permitted uses, maintenance obligations, land improvements, parking, and insurance requirements. The term of both agreements is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

The meeting was opened to public comment. No public comment was received.

Ms. Rastavong wished a happy lunar new year to those in the Township who may celebrate the holiday.

Mr. Graham wished everyone a happy black history month, and provided a brief history of the month long celebration. Mr. Graham also mentioned that he is growing out his hair in a luca weave, as a statement of his heritage.

Motion (Graham-Lee) carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Taylor
Secretary