

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, March 13, 2019, at 7:30 PM in the Springfield Township building for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Mr. Harbison. 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 have placed themselves in harm's way in order to help preserve our safety.

Mr. Standish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Schaum-Wilson) 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 acknowledged that Mr. Harbison was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to personal business.

Judy Pattituci, 101 E. Wissahickon Avenue, addressed the Board of Commissioners and inquired as to the discussions at the Monday workshop meeting with regard to the TRAIRS GIS system. Mr. Standish indicated that it is a program created by McMahon and Associates, traffic engineers, for its municipal clients. It will be utilized by various Township departments in tracking work orders, mapping roads and public improvements, and documenting various municipal or private projects.

Mr. Standish, on behalf of the Internal Affairs and Library Committees, reported:

Motion (Standish-Schaum) vote 6-0, to approve the February check reconciliation in the amount of \$774,510.92, and the March bill listing in the amount of \$325,085.86.

Mr. Standish indicated that the Township purchased a property from the Philadelphia Electric Company for \$15,000 in the year 2000 to perform grading activities to enhance stormwater flows within the adjacent Sunnybrook Creek. The property is located on Bethlehem Pike in Whitemarsh Township. Mr. Standish provided the County tax parcel number. The Board of Commissioners found it in the best interest of the public to sell the property at public auction. The highest bid was received from Karen Schrader, the owner of the Animal Hospital directly next door, in the amount of \$55,300. Mr. Standish stated there were eight other bidders, and many bids were placed while the auction was open.

Motion (Standish-Wilson) vote 6-0, to adopt Resolution No. 1471, a resolution accepting the highest bid and awarding the sale of the property to Ms. Schrader in accordance with the Agreement of Sale. The Board also authorized the Township Solicitor to prepare and

record all necessary documents in order to accomplish the sale and the Township Manager was authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the sale of the property.

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

Mr. Standish stated that the Henry R. Chiamonte children's park, on Oreland Mill Road, Oreland, is presently improved with a small playground structure and a sitting area that is not readily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant Program provides funding for removal of architectural barriers that prohibit accessibility.

Motion (Standish-Cobb) vote 6-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1472, a resolution endorsing and authorizing application to the Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant Program for the project known as the Chiamonte Park ADA improvements project.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Works and Facilities Committee, had no report.

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

Mr. Wilson announced that during the month of February, Springfield Township residents recycled 148.1 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 73.9%. The net cost for the month was \$20,655.07. Mr. Wilson also encouraged all to be sure that the recyclable materials are cleaned and rinsed clear of debris and only the proper numbered plastics are included in the recycling containers to be collected. He noted that previously the Township was paid for the recyclable materials, but now it costs the Township to process the recyclables due to the market and contamination of the materials.

Mr. Wilson stated the Township received a letter dated March 8, 2019, from Patrick Eddis, of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission, resigning his position on the Commission. Mr. Eddis was a member of the Environmental Advisory Commission for approximately five years, two of which he served as the Chair. During his term of service, Mr. Eddis worked with the Environmental Advisory Commission and Board of Commissioners on stormwater management and water quality issues, provided input on the green roof on the new Township Library and provided leadership on a new endeavor regarding renewable energy.

Motion (Wilson-Graham) vote 6-0, to accept a letter of resignation from Patrick Eddis as a member of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission.

Motion (Wilson-Graham) vote 6-0 to appoint Aaron Stemplewicz as a member of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission to fill the unexpired term of service of Mr. Eddis. The unexpired term of service shall expire June 14, 2021. Currently, Mr. Stemplewicz is the senior-most associate member of the EAC.

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

Motion (Graham-Maxwell) vote 6-0, to grant permission to the Wyndmoor Hose Company to conduct their annual carnival at the Township-owned Veterans Park, on June 18 through June 22, 2019.

Motion (Graham-Schaum) vote 6-0, to waive the provisions of Section 3303.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code in order that the Wyndmoor Hose Company may conduct a fireworks display at Veterans Park on Saturday evening, June 22, 2019. The waiver is conditioned upon the following: (1) the Wyndmoor Hose Company and their pyrotechnical firm shall add Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event, and (2) the Wyndmoor Hose Company and their pyrotechnical firm shall work closely with the Township Fire Marshal to help prevent an accident and to create a plan of action in the event an accident does occur during the activity.

Mr. Graham also announced that he would be hosting a follow up meeting on diversity in the community on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Library. He also thanked all residents who attended the initial meeting and stated that all the love and support for the concern was overwhelming. The upcoming meeting will include discussions with the Cheltenham area NAACP and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Mr. Standish commented that it appeared all residents in attendance at the initial meeting enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the topics of empowerment and diversity.

Mr. Maxwell, Co-Chairman of Public Safety Committee, reported:

Motion (Maxwell-Graham) vote 6-0, to award a contract to McMahan and Associates Inc., of Fort Washington, PA, to complete phase 1 and phase 2 to investigate the feasibility of the installation of a school zone along Paper Mill Road adjacent to the Springfield Township Middle School. The scope of work will consist of visiting the project area to observe the current operation, reviewing crash data information, and preparing a school zone speed limit study report to be submitted to Springfield Township. The fee for services for phase I is \$3,250, and phase 2 is \$800. The date of the McMahan proposal is February 26, 2019. Mr. Maxwell added that there was an incident in late 2018 wherein a school student was struck by a vehicle on Paper Mill Road which caused an examination of the conditions. Mr. Graham wished to extend his personal gratitude to Mrs. Shechtman and Mrs. Silberman for their involvement in this matter.

Motion (Maxwell-Schaum) vote 6-0, to amend the Springfield Township Code, Section 107-28, Schedule V, Stop Intersections, to install a stop sign on Delphine Road at its intersection with Cromwell Road traveling in a northwesterly direction.

Mr. Maxwell announced that there would be a neighborhood meeting hosted by Carson Valley Children's Aid on March 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Carson Valley. The school would like

to introduce their new medical director and discuss any concerns of residents and adjacent neighbors. The school and community previously met and plan to continue the dialog.

Mr. Cobb, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Cobb announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Cobb summarized the Zoning Hearing Board agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary