

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, June 8, 2022, at 7:30 PM at the Springfield Township Building for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. 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, June 9, 2022. All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Mr. Maxwell. 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 abroad, and for the men, women and children who have tragically lost their lives to gun violence.

Mr. Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Lee-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. Graham noted the absence of Commissioner Maxwell who is attending his daughter's high school graduation ceremony.

Mr. Graham announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session as part of their June 6, 2022 workshop meeting to discuss two personnel items, one real estate matter, and one item related to litigation.

Mr. Graham read into the record a statement expressing the Board's grief and anger related to the recent mass shootings in Buffalo, New York; Uvalde, Texas; and Philadelphia, PA. The Board urges our state and federal legislators to enact "common sense" gun legislation to help protect citizens. Mr. Graham noted the actions taken by the Police Department to prepare for such an event if it were to take place in the Township.

Mr. Graham opened the meeting to public comment. No public comment was received.

Mr. Graham, Chairman of Cultural Resources Committee, had no report.

B.M. Standish, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, had no report.

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

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, bids were received for the Township's 2022 Highway Resurfacing and Milling Program. Bids were received from three contractors. The bids ranged from a low of \$460,530.70 to a high of \$497,284.01. All bids exceeded the Township's budget estimates due to rising petroleum costs. As a result, the Township intends to apply a portion of its unused

winter maintenance budget to complete the work, and to eliminate three streets that will be prioritized for resurfacing next year.

Motion (Standish-Lee) vote 6-0 to award a contract to Glasgow, Inc. of Glenside, PA to mill and resurface specified Township streets for their combined low bid price of \$103.70 per ton for resurfacing, and \$4.10 per square yard for road milling, for a total estimated price of \$404,710.70.

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, bids were received for the Mermaid Park Streambank Stabilization and Walking Trail projects. A total of three bids were received for the streambank project, and four bids were received for the construction of the walking trail.

Motion (Standish-Ratsavong) vote 6-0 to award a contract to Western Lehigh Services, Inc. of Allentown, PA for their low bid price of \$118,544.45 for the streambank stabilization project, and to Ply Mar Construction, Inc. of Plymouth Meeting, PA, for their low bid price of \$194,265.00 for the construction of the walking trail. The walking trail bid includes the base bid, plus alternates “D” (6 foot wide asphalt trail) and “E” (6 foot wide pedestrian bridge). The cost of the project is being offset by four grants totaling \$223,000.

Mr. Wilson asked if Western Lehigh Services has ever performed work for the Township. Mr. Taylor responded that they have not worked for the Township in the past, but that Mr. Woodrow has worked with them on other projects and endorses their work.

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

Mr. Wilson announced that during the month of May 2022, Springfield Township residents recycled 166.3 tons of material with a householder participation rate of 76.0%. The net cost for the month was \$13,435.33. Mr. Wilson noted that the Township is experiencing an increase in the value of the recyclables due to the high cost of oil.

Motion (Wilson-Standish) vote 6-0 to reappoint Stephen Heverin and Patrick Hynes to new, three-year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. The new, three-year terms of service for Messrs. Heverin and Hynes shall expire June 14, 2025.

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

Motion (Cobb-Lee) vote 6-0 to approve the May check reconciliation in the amount of \$502,213.15, and the June bill listing in the amount of \$318,602.92.

Mr. Cobb announced that pursuant to the Pennsylvania Tax Collection Law, an elected Tax Collector shall, with the approval of the municipality for which the Tax Collector was elected, appoint a Deputy Tax Collector to collect and settle taxes during any incapacitation of the Tax Collector. Earlier this year the Township’s Deputy Tax Collector found it necessary to resign her position. The Tax Collector has requested the appointment of Melissa Wanczyk, Whitpain

Township Tax Collector, to fill the position of Deputy Tax Collector for Springfield Township. Mr. Cobb provided a brief summary of Ms. Wanczyk's qualifications.

Motion (Cobb-Ratsavong) vote 6-0 to confirm the appointment of Melissa Wanczyk to serve as the Deputy Tax Collector for Springfield Township, effective immediately.

Mr. Cobb announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will next meet on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Cobb read into the record the Zoning Hearing Board agenda. Mr. Cobb announced that applications and plans are on file in the Code Enforcement Office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

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

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

Ms. Ratsavong announced that Independence Day will be observed on Monday, July 4, 2022. Ms. Ratsavong provided details on the annual 4th of July parade sponsored by the Oreland Lions Club and the Oreland Volunteer Fire Company. Ms. Ratsavong encouraged all Township residents to come out and celebrate the birth of our nation!

Ms. Ratsavong also announced that the Township's Concerts in the Park program will begin on Thursday, June 9, at Cisco Park.

Mr. Graham wished everyone a happy Juneteenth and a Happy 4th of July.

Mr. Cobb commented that it is good to see large gatherings once again at events such as little league baseball games and graduations. Mr. Cobb congratulated all 2022 graduates.

Motion (Lee-Wilson) vote 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Michael Taylor,
Secretary