

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, September 11, 2024 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. All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Messrs. Wilson and May. Commissioner Lee presided.

Mr. Lee asked Mr. Taylor if any remote public comments were received prior to the meeting. Mr. Taylor reported that one comment was received regarding the Pre-Security Agreement related to the removal of trees at the Towns at Pennybrook development.

Mr. Lee 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. Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Ratsavong-Morris) 5-0 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. Lee noted the absence of Commissioners Wilson and May.

Mr. Lee also noted that Andrew Freimuth was in attendance representing the Township Solicitor's office.

Mr. Lee noted the presence of former Commissioner Jim Dailey in the audience.

Mr. Lee announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session as part of its workshop meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024 to discuss one personnel matter.

Mr. Lee opened the meeting to public comment.

Jim Dailey and Caroline Schuman, both of Flourtown, representing the Springfield Little League Baseball program, addressed the Board regarding the Bysher Field Indoor Practice Facility Agreement, and requested the Board to renew the current Land Use Agreement for the use of Bysher Avenue ballfields. Mr. Freimuth explained that renewal of the Land Use Agreement was not on the agenda, so the Board could not vote to renew it this evening. It was also noted that the current Land Use Agreement does not expire until December 31, 2024. A lengthy discussion ensued between the Board and the two representatives. In conclusion, it was decided that the matter of renewal would go before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for review and discussion in October. To the extent that the committee provides a

recommendation to renew the agreement, the Board of Commissioners agreed to consider the renewal request at its October meetings.

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

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

Motion (Ratsavong-McNamara) vote 5-0 to appoint Brian Sokel, Erdenheim, and Kristina Kerper, Wyndmoor, to serve as members of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Mr. Sokel's unexpired term of service shall expire May 12, 2025. Ms. Kerper's new term of service shall expire May 12, 2025.

Motion (Ratsavong-Cobb) vote 5-0, to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township and Springfield Little League Baseball program to memorialize the terms of use for a 4,900 square foot indoor practice facility constructed by the Little League at the Township-owned Bysher Fields property. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the use of the facility is limited to the Springfield Little League Baseball and Softball programs and their respective travel programs. The agreement also sets forth the hours of operation, occupancy limits and adult supervision requirements. Concurrent with the execution of the Indoor Practice Facility Agreement, an amendment to the existing Land Use Agreements with the Springfield Little League Baseball and Softball programs shall be created by adding the Indoor Practice Facility Agreement as an Exhibit.

Ms. Ratsavong announced the schedule of upcoming public meetings related to the Rec Center Master Planning process. The meetings and events are open to all interested individuals.

Ms. McNamara, Chair of Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Motion (McNamara-Ratsavong) vote 5-0 to authorize the sale of the following vehicles via the Municibid on-line public auction site:

- 2015 Chevrolet Silverado K2500 pickup truck
- 2013 Chevrolet K3500 4-door dump truck

Motion (McNamara-Cobb) vote 5-0 to authorize the Township Manager to execute an extension of the existing Multiple Listing Agreement with Dan Helwig, Inc. to market and secure tenants for office suite "B" at the Black Horse Inn, 1432 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Dan Helwig Realtors shall serve as the Township's Broker and Agent and shall receive compensation during the term of the Agreement in an amount equal to one month's rental per unit which shall be shared with any cooperating broker pursuant to the Terms of the Agreement. The Agreement shall expire December 31, 2024.

Ms. McNamara reported for the Community Development Committee:

Motion (McNamara-Ratsavong) vote 5-0, to authorize the execution of a Preconstruction Security Agreement between Springfield Township, Blecker Acquisitions, LP, and 380 Haws Lane, LP to commence with the demolition of certain structures and the removal of eleven (11) trees located in close proximity to those structures at the properties located at 380 and 402 Haws Lane, Erdenheim. No other construction activities or site work shall be permitted until such time as the equitable owner has recorded the land development plan and posted the required financial security.

Motion (McNamara-Morris) vote 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 1646, a resolution accepting the deed of dedication and ultimate right of way for a 2,201 square foot extension of Pine Road. The extension was completed as part of a two-lot subdivision of land known as “Wyndmoor Court”.

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

Motion (Cobb-McNamara) vote 5-0, to approve the August check reconciliation in the amount of \$683,382.74 and the September bill listing in the amount of \$793,612.93.

Mr. Cobb announced the 2025 budget meeting schedule as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Meetings with Support Agencies	9/18/2024	7:00 PM
Budget Workshop	10/16/2024	7:00 PM
Budget Presentation	11/13/2024	7:30 PM
Budget Hearing	12/11/2024	7:30 PM
Budget Adoption	12/11/2024	7:30 PM

All meetings will be held at the Springfield Township Building, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor PA 19038.

Mr. Cobb explained that the Board of Commissioners has a statutory obligation to adopt a resolution setting forth the minimum municipal obligations to properly fund the Township’s employee pension plans for the ensuing year.

Motion (Cobb-McNamara) vote 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1647 establishing the 2025 pension fund minimum municipal obligations for the three defined benefit and one defined contribution pension plans.

Mr. Cobb announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will not be meeting in September as no new petitions have been received. He also announced that the next meeting of the zoning hearing board is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Township Building.

Mr. Morris, Chairman of the Cultural Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. Morris announced that the Springfield Township Community Day celebration will take place on Sunday, October 6, 2024, from 10 AM to 1 PM at Cisco Park in Erdenheim, and will be preceded by the Erdenheim Civic Association 5K Race and Fun Run, beginning at 9 AM. Food, entertainment, fishing, fire and ambulance equipment displays will be provided free of charge. Community Day is made possible via the generous support of our business community and various community volunteers. Mr. Morris provided instructions on registering for the 5K run and 1 mile walk.

Mr. Morris reported for the Environmental Resources Committee:

Mr. Morris announced that during the month of August 2024, Springfield Township residents recycled 139.8 tons of material with a householder participation rate of 74.5%. The net cost for the month was \$18,120.30.

Mr. Morris reminded residents that household hazardous waste is not suitable for collection by the Township and should not be placed out with regular refuse. Mr. Morris provided information on the Montgomery County household hazardous waste drop-off program, and announced the upcoming schedule for these drop off events.

Motion (Morris-Cobb) vote 5-0 to appoint Adam Thorp as an associate member of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Mr. Thorp attends Springfield Township High School and is the Treasurer of the Sustainability Club. Mr. May noted that associate members do not have voting privileges but attend and participate in all meetings of the commission.

Commissioner Lee opened the meeting to public comment.

Jane Thomas, Oreland, inquired about the scheduling of ride-alongs with the ambulance crews. Several commissioners stated their commitment to scheduling such a ride-along.

Motion (Ratsavong-McNamara) vote 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Taylor
Manager/Secretary