

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 16, 2025**

The Springfield Township Planning Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 P.M., in the Boardroom of the Springfield Township Administration Building, located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038. Present at the meeting were Ms. Murray, Mr. Sands, Mr. Quill, Mr. Harbison and Ms. Pottage. Also in attendance were Commissioner Peter Wilson, and Mark Penecale, Director of Planning & Zoning.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

The Planning Commission approved the minutes of the September 2, 2025, meeting.

**Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Wilson informed the Planning Commission that the Board of Commissioner have started the budget process for 2026. The Township will be moving forward with the installation of solar systems on the Township Buildings. The bids for the cost of this improvement are less than what was projected. He informed everyone that lease for management of Flourtown County Club has been extended and the Community Day will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**New Business:**

Mr. Harbison chaired the meeting and explained to those in attendance that tonight's presentation by Aqua is informational only. The Planning Commission will not be offering a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on the PFAS filter structures at these two locations.

**PC1:** Mr. Brennan Kelly a Professional Engineer with Aqua Pennsylvania and Mr. Derek Harzinski a Professional Engineer with Carollo Engineering provided the Planning Commission and several property owners an overview of the PFAS filters proposed to be installed at the Flourtown and Oreland Well Stations. He also stated that Aqua has applied for grants for this project.

Mr. Kelly stated that the current water system meets the EPA's requirements for water quality. The proposed filters are to be installed to ensure that the water quality remains in compliance with the EPA's standards.

Mr. Harzinski stated that the proposed filtration tanks would be 12 feet in diameter and 27 feet in height. Two tanks are proposed to be installed at each location. The project involves the

installation of foundations to support the tanks, underground piping and the placement of the filtration tanks. Two tanks are proposed to be installed at each location, so that at no time is the system not operational. He explained that the proposed new tanks would be protected by the installation of a six-foot-high fencing and be screened with the installation of Green Giant Arborvitaes.

Mr. Daniel Bussinger, the owner of 1435 Anderson Avenue, Orelan, Pa asked about the installation schedule and stated that Anderson Avenue has several contracting shops, auto repair businesses and some light manufacturing. His point is that Anderson Avenue is a dead-end street and that Aqua needs to be mindful of the impact of any road closure. He also stated that due to the size of the Aqua site on Anderson Avenue, the installation of landscaping would be very limited.

Mr. Harzinski stated that the project generally lasts from 30 to 60 days. He stated that the issues raised by Mr. Bussinger would be conveyed to the contractor.

Mr. John Schimeneck, of 112 W. College Avenue, asked if the project would move forward if the grants were not approved. The answer to the question was yes.

Ms. Lauren Russell, of 112 W. College Avenue, asked how many of the systems have already been installed and how long the filters last. Mr. Kelly stated that Aqua has 5 of these filtration systems online now and that the projected life of the internal coal pellets is 3 to 5 years. The system is checked daily and when needed, the coal pellets are changed out.

Mr. David Delacato, owner of 9 Bysher Avenue, asked how far the proposed tanks would be from the property line. He stated that his existing garage is no more than 3 feet from the rear property line. Mr. Harzinski stated that he is not sure what the distance would be. Mr. Delacato stated that the rendering/photos of the project eliminated his garage, and he is very concerned that these tanks will have a negative impact on his property. Mr. Harzinski stated that he would forward Mr. Delacato the information requested.

Mr. Harbison reminded everyone that this was an informational meeting and that no recommendation is required to be issued by the Planning Commission. However, the Planning Commission instructed Mr. Penecale to forward a letter to the Township Manager stating the Planning Commission's concerns about the lack of a defined setback.

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mark A. Penecale  
Director of Planning & Zoning