

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in a regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, January 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM in 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. Commissioner Ratsavong presided.

Ms. Ratsavong asked Mr. Taylor if any remote public comments were received prior to the meeting. Mr. Taylor reported that one public comment was received which expressed opposition to accessory dwelling units.

Ms. Ratsavong 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.

Ms. Ratsavong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (May-Lee) vote 7-0 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.

Ms. Ratsavong acknowledged that the Board was in full attendance at the meeting and acknowledged the presence of former Commissioner Peter Wilson in attendance.

Ms. Ratsavong announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session as part of its January 12th workshop meeting to discuss one personnel and three litigation matters.

Ms. Ratsavong invited past Commissioner Peter Wilson to the front of the room to be joined by Commissioner Lee. Mr. Lee read into the record Resolution No. 1680, a resolution honoring Peter D. Wilson for 12 years of service as a Springfield Township Commissioner.

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1680.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Board and stated that he enjoyed working with his fellow Board members over a 12-year period. Overall, he is pleased with the Board's accomplishments over that time.

Ms. Ratsavong announced the 2026 Committee and Liaison assignments of the Board of Commissioners as follows:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Committee Assignment</u>	<u>Liaison Assignment</u>
Susanna O. Ratsavong, President	Community Development	Planning and Historical Commissions, Recreation Center Advisory Committee
Brendan May, Vice President	Environmental Resources	Environmental Advisory Commission
James M. Lee	Administrative, Fiscal and Zoning Affairs	Zoning Hearing Board, Walnut Avenue and Recreation Center Committees
Elizabeth A. McNamara	Public Safety	Emergency Services Board
Edward H. Morris	Cultural Resources	Library Advisory Committee
Robert C. Goldberg	Parks & Recreational Resources	Parks & Recreation and Recreation Center Advisory Committees
Thaddeus S. Kirk	Public Works and Facilities	Shade Tree Committee, Walnut Avenue Committee

Ms. Ratsavong announced that at the conclusion of this evening's committee reports, the Board of Commissioners will be meeting with several candidates to fill a vacancy as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board as well as a vacancy as a member of the Library Advisory Committee.

Ms. Ratsavong opened the meeting to public comment. No public comments were received.

Ms. Ratsavong, Chairwoman of the Community Development Committee, reported:

Motion (Ratsavong-Lee) vote 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1681, a resolution granting preliminary subdivision/land development approval for the Hansen Tract, 1797 Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor. The plan calls for the subdivision of an existing 12.85 acre parcel spanning Cheltenham and Springfield Townships. The property is presently improved with four buildings that will be removed in order to construct 43 carriage homes in Cheltenham Township, and one single-family detached dwelling in Springfield Township. The plans also call for the construction of a privately maintained road to serve the development and an existing single-family dwelling located at 1799 Willow Grove Avenue in Springfield Township. Additional improvements include landscaping, stormwater management facilities and associated improvements.

Ms. Ratsavong announced that a vacancy exists as an alternate member of the Historical Commission. Alternate members attend and participate in all meetings of the commission as a non-voting member. Any resident who is interested in serving as an alternate member of the Historical Commission is encouraged to submit a letter of interest and/or resume for consideration by February 2, 2026 to the Township Manager at mtaylor@springfieldmontco.org, or via the Township's website www.springfieldmontco.org.

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

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 7-0 to approve the December check reconciliation in the amount of \$472,630.90, and the January bill listing in the amount of \$715,389.90.

Mr. Lee announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Township Building to receive testimony on one application. A copy of the application and plans are on file in the Code Enforcement Office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

Motion (Lee-May) vote 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1682, a resolution appointing Michael Davey to a new, three-year term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Davey's new term of service shall expire on December 31, 2028.

Mr. May, Chairman of the Environmental Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. May announced that during the month of December 2025, Springfield Township residents recycled 201.34 tons of material with a householder participation rate of 75.8%. The net cost for the month was \$22,278.92. For the year ending on December 31, 2025, Springfield Township residents recycled a total of 1,939.9 tons of single stream recyclables, which was 97.2% of the projected tonnage. The weekly householder participation rate was 69.2%, and the average pounds per stop was 14.4.

Mr. May also informed residents that household refuse and recycling containers may not be larger than 32 gallons in size or 50 pounds in weight when full. Oversized and overweight containers present a hazard to employees and increase the risk of injury. The long-standing regulations were developed by the Township's insurance carrier to reduce injuries and potential workers' compensation insurance claims. Township residents are encouraged to purchase appropriately sized refuse and/or recycling containers at any hardware or home improvement store, or online retailer. Recycling containers are also available for purchase at the Springfield Township Administration Building between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM. The cost of a container with lid is \$25 each.

Motion (May-Kirk) vote 7-0 to designate Robert Goldberg, Commissioner, and Craig Lloyd, Assistant Manager/Finance Director, as Springfield Township's primary and alternate voting members, respectively, to the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership Management Committee.

Mr. May noted that the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership was created to improve the water quality within the Wissahickon Creek and its tributaries as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The Partnership requires each of the 13 participating municipalities to designate a

primary and alternate voting representative consisting of one elected or appointed official and one staff member.

Ms. McNamara, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee, reported:

Ms. McNamara announced that the Springfield Township Police Department will conduct four Public Safety Forums throughout the next calendar year to share information with the community about a unique crime or public safety topic. The forums will also allow for in-person engagement with police officers to enhance knowledge and understanding of law enforcement roles and responsibilities. The Forums are planned as follows:

- Thursday, March 19 – Cybercrimes and Fraud Schemes
- Thursday, June 18 – Traffic, Speed Education and Enforcement
- Thursday, September 17 – Preventing Vehicle Theft and Thefts from Vehicles
- Thursday, December 17 – Crimes Against the Elderly and Care-dependent People

Each Public Safety Forum will occur at 7PM in the Springfield Township Building.

Ms. Ratsavong thanked those who worked on this project and developed the forum concept. She noted that the forum is in its initial stages but is excited to watch the project grow.

Ms. Ratsavong opened the meeting to public comment. No comments were received.

Ms. Ratsavong recognized the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and the continued pursuit of Civil Rights. She noted The King Center's theme this year is "building community and uniting the nation in a nonviolent way."

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 7-0, to adjourn the business meeting at 8:00 PM.

Following the adjournment of the regular business meeting, the Board of Commissioners interviewed two candidates for the Zoning Hearing Board and three candidates for the Library Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Taylor
Manager/Secretary