

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in a regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, June 10, 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 remotely, regarding the deer management report that was given at the Monday workshop meeting. The resident commented on the deer population destroying their landscaping.

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-Morris) 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 announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session as part of its June 8<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting to discuss two personnel matters.

Ms. Ratsavong also announced that a limited number of single-day swimming pool passes will be made available this summer for Springfield Township residents to obtain access to the Flourtown Country Club. The passes will be made available at the Free Library of Springfield Township from June 15 through September 4. The passes are not available on June 20, July 3-5, or July 12.

Ms. Ratsavong opened the meeting to public comment. No public comment was received.

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

Motion (Ratsavong-Lee) vote 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1693, a resolution accepting the dedication of a portion of Grove Avenue right-of-way measuring 500 square feet in size. The area offered for dedication is shown on the plan of subdivision for the property at 28 Grove Avenue, Flourtown prepared by Charles E. Shoemaker, Inc. dated January 8, 2026, last revised April 20, 2026.

It was noted that at the April 8, 2026 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board granted preliminary/final subdivision/land development approval for the subject property and

prior to the recording of the plans, the area between the existing and ultimate right of way must be offered for dedication to the Township.

Motion (Ratsavong-May) vote 7-0 to authorize the execution of an Indemnity Agreement with Foxlane Homes at Willow Grove for the installation and maintenance of stormwater facilities within the Willow Grove Avenue right of way.

Ms. Ratsavong noted that at the January 14, 2026 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board granted preliminary subdivision/land development approval for the property at 1797 Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor. The approved plan calls for the subdivision of a 12.85 acre parcel of land in both Cheltenham and Springfield Townships that will be improved with 48 age-restricted carriage homes in Cheltenham Township and one single family detached home in Springfield Township. As part of the project, the developer will be constructing a new, private road and storm sewer facilities that will require a highway occupancy permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). PennDOT requires the Township to be responsible for the design, construction and future maintenance and repair of the stormwater facilities. Foxlane Homes at Willow Grove has agreed to indemnify, defend and hold the Township harmless from all costs or liabilities to which the Township may be responsible.

Motion (Ratsavong-May) vote 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1694, a resolution granting preliminary/final land development approval for the consolidation of four parcels comprising approximately 2 acres situated at 1005 through 1043 Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor. The plans call for the removal of three existing buildings and construction of one, four-story, mixed-use building consisting of 2,510 square feet of retail space and 2,500 square feet of office space on the ground floor, and 21 apartments on floors two through four. Additional improvements include the construction of 85 parking spaces, stormwater management facilities and landscaping.

Ms. Ratsavong commented that a fee in lieu of dedication of land will be provided to the Township and that consideration was given to requiring the developer to perform additional improvements at Veterans Park instead of dedicating land but that no projects were ultimately identified of equal value.

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

Motion (Lee-May) vote 7-0 to approve the May check reconciliation in the amount of \$788,733.86, and the June bill listing in the amount of \$1,310,035.86.

Mr. Lee announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Township Building to receive testimony on two applications. Mr. Lee summarized the petitions that are to be heard and announced that a copy of the applications and plans are on file in the Code Enforcement Office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

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

Mr. May announced that during the month of May 2026, Springfield Township residents recycled 152.66 tons of material with a householder participation rate of 68.2%. The net cost for the month was \$14,838.92.

Mr. May also encouraged all residents to practice “grass-cycling.” Grass-cycling is the practice of leaving grass clippings on one’s lawn to naturally decompose and add nutrients. Grass is 80% or more water and has a high nitrogen content. Grass clippings break down easily and are returned to the soil within one to two weeks. The clippings act as a fertilizer supplement and mulch for lawns. Grass-cycling also reduces the use of plastic bags for disposal and reduces the amount of refuse that must be disposed of by the Township at the present cost of \$86.48 per ton.

Mr. May commented that the grass decomposes quickly. Mr. Morris added that the highest setting on the lawn mower is ideal for grass-cycling purposes and lawn health.

Motion (May-Kirk) vote 7-0 to reappoint Joy Bergey to a new, three-year term of service as member of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. The new term of service for Ms. Bergey shall expire June 14, 2029.

Mr. May added that Martin Ryan decided not to accept the Board’s invitation to be reappointed, and encouraged all interested residents to apply for the vacancy.

Ms. Ratsavong commented on the many achievements by Joy Bergey in her service on the Environmental Advisory Commission.

Motion (May-Lee) vote 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1695, a resolution supporting legislation to permit municipalities to pool the electricity demands of residents and small businesses in order to negotiate the purchase of bulk electricity rates on their behalf. At present, only municipalities organized pursuant to the Borough Code are permitted to purchase bulk electricity on behalf of their residents.

Mr. May clarified that the resolution supports legislation but is not a decision to move forward with community choice aggregation. Mr. Goldberg added that it is the opposite of the current energy choice model in which residents may currently select their own electricity provider. Community choice aggregation may provide greater economies of scale that could be passed along to all electricity consumers.

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

Ms. McNamara announced that the next Public Safety Forum will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 7 PM in the Springfield Township Building and will feature a presentation on Traffic, Speed Education and Enforcement. Other forums are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, September 17 – Preventing Vehicle Theft and Thefts from Vehicles  
Thursday, December 17 – Crimes Against the Elderly and Care-dependent People

Each forum will conclude with a question-and-answer session and an informal meet and greet with members of the Police Department and other public officials.

Ms. McNamara also announced that the Springfield Township Police Department will celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 from 6 to 9 PM at the Springfield Township Municipal Campus. National Night Out is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, providing a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This year's celebration will feature free food, music, games and more.

Mr. Morris, Chairman of the Cultural Resources Committee, had no report.

Mr. Goldberg, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Resources Committee, reported:

Motion (Goldberg-May) vote 7-0 to authorize the Spartan Lacrosse Club to construct a storage shed and bounce-back wall at Cisco Park, Erdenheim. Both the storage shed and bounce-back wall shall be located at the upper playing field closest to Paper Mill Road in an area adjacent to the Paper Mill Run. Approval to construct both structures is conditioned upon the following: (1) the shed shall be no larger than 12' wide x 20' long x 15' high and the bounce-back wall shall be no larger than 15' high x 36' wide, (2) the structures shall be installed so that they do not increase to the base flood elevation or obstruct the flow of floodwaters, (3) the Spartan Lacrosse Club shall obtain all required permits and shall comply with all local and state regulations necessary for the construction of both structures, and (4) the Spartan Lacrosse Club shall enter into a maintenance agreement to be prepared by the Springfield Township solicitor.

Ms. Ratsavong clarified the location and the flood impact of the project.

Mr. May commented that the organization has been in existence for over 25 years.

Motion (Goldberg-McNamara) vote 7-0 to authorize the execution of a Riparian Habitat Restoration Agreement with the Community Canopy Project and its partners to undertake riparian tree and shrub planting activities at Mermaid Park, Wyndmoor. The riparian planting project shall be completed in accordance with an undated proposal prepared by Karen Kabnick, PHD and shared with the Board of Commissioners at its June 8, 2026 meeting. Prior to executing the agreement, it shall be in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor.

Mr. Kirk, Chairman of the Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Motion (Kirk-May) vote 7-0 to authorize the execution of a Fuel Use and Reimbursement Agreement with the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County to permit the refueling of a personnel carrier and command vehicle utilized by the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, fueling operations are limited to a designated vehicle (MIRT-20) and the Township shall be reimbursed for all fuel charges within 30 days. The Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County provides logistical support for municipalities through the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team, or MIRT to handle large-scale crowd control, homeland security emergencies and disaster and/or crime scene security. MIRT will be activated on a regular basis to assist with the FIFA World Cup events occurring Sunday, June 14 through Saturday, July 4.

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

Ms. Ratsavong wished the community a Happy Pride Month, Happy Father's Day, and Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday to America. The Commissioners recognized the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade that occurs annually in Oreland, and the Oreland Lions Club that plans the event.

Mr. Kirk commented that all departments are closed, and no refuse or recycling will occur on June 19<sup>th</sup> in observation of Juneteenth. This holiday recognizes the end of slavery, and promotes freedom, equality, and opportunity for all.

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 7-0, to adjourn the business meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Taylor  
Manager/Secretary