

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in a regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, August 12, 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 except Commissioner Goldberg. Commissioner Ratsavong presided.

Ms. Ratsavong asked Mr. Taylor if any remote public comments were received prior to the meeting. Mr. Taylor reported that no public comments were received.

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 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.

Ms. Ratsavong acknowledged that Mr. Goldberg was absent from the meeting and that Scott Denlinger was present in place of Andy Freimuth as Solicitor.

Ms. Ratsavong announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session as part of its August 10th workshop meeting to discuss two litigation and two personnel matters. The Board also met prior to tonight's business meeting to discuss one litigation matter.

Ms. Ratsavong announced that a limited number of single-day swimming pool passes are currently available for Springfield Township residents to obtain access to the Flourtown Country Club. The passes are available for loan at the Free Library of Springfield Township through September 4.

Ms. Ratsavong acknowledged that State Representative Napoleon Nelson will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, August 27 at 7 PM at the Free Library of Springfield Township. The meeting will feature an update on the current projects and activities of the Jenkintown Borough, Cheltenham Township and Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commissions.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Ms. Ratsavong announced that the Board of Commissioners will be combining the September workshop and business meetings into one meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 9, beginning at 7:00 PM. The combined meeting will be held at the Springfield Township Building. All future meetings of the Board will be held on their usual day and time.

Ms. Ratsavong invited the members of the Springfield Little League Softball Girls 8-10 year old District Team to join Commissioners Kirk and May at the front of the room to publicly recognize them for winning both the District 22 and Section 8 Little League 8-10 Softball Tournaments. Their Coach, Matt Corcoran, assisted Commissioner May with the presentation of a Certificate of Achievement to each member of the team.

Mr. Morris noted the parents' efforts during the softball season as well.

Mr. Kirk invited the members of the Springfield Little League Softball Majors District Team to the front of the room and publicly recognized them for winning both the District 22 and Section 8 Little League Majors Softball Tournaments. Their Coach, Grant Holdren, assisted Commissioner May with the presentation of a Certificate of Achievement to each member of the team.

Mr. Kirk, a softball parent, commented on the empowerment of young women in the community.

Ms. Ratsavong commented on the hard work of the parents and volunteers and wished them good luck next year.

Ms. Ratsavong opened the meeting to public comment.

John English, Oreland, asked about the thermal imaging for the solar project. He remarked that the solar project was previously represented as a turnkey project, and that the thermal imaging represents an additional cost.

Mr. Taylor responded that the thermal imaging is not required but was recommended by the Township's solar consultant to identify any underperforming panels while they are under warranty, and to serve as a baseline to compare with future performance.

Mr. English noted the cost of imaging would increase the cost of the project in total.

Mr. May acknowledged the additional cost and pointed out that it represents less than 1% of the total cost of the project.

Due to a car accident on Paper Mill Road occurring at the time of the meeting, the Board took a brief recess at 7:53 PM to check on everyone's safety. The meeting resumed shortly after at 7:57 PM.

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

Motion (Ratsavong-Lee) vote 6-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1697, a resolution granting preliminary/final subdivision approval for a two-lot subdivision/lot line change for Bridge Community Church of Philadelphia, 317 Oreland Mill Road, Oreland. The plan will subdivide the 40,810 square foot parcel into two lots in order to place the worship hall and a 2-story accessory building on a single lot and to locate the former parsonage on

a separate lot. No new construction is anticipated but the former parsonage is to be offered for sale as a single family detached dwelling at a future date. Approval of the plan is conditioned upon the applicant providing the Township with a deed of dedication for the ultimate right-of-way for the property's frontages on Oreland Mill Road and Lorraine Avenue. In addition, the applicant shall add a note to the plans stating that the required installation of sidewalks has been deferred until such time as the Township deems it necessary to require the installation of the same, at which time written notice shall be provided by the Township to the owner of each lot and the owner shall install sidewalks as required by the Springfield Township Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion (Lee-Morris) vote 6-0 to approve the July check reconciliation in the amount of \$847,250.61, and the August bill listing in the amount of \$1,271,544.80.

Mr. Lee announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Township Building to receive testimony on one application. Mr. Lee summarized the petition to be heard and announced that 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 6-0 to authorize the Office of the Township Solicitor to attend the August 24, 2026 meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board of Springfield Township to represent the interests of the Board by establishing a record of the proceedings for the petition involving the Oreland Market, 1339 Bruce Road, Oreland.

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

Mr. May announced that during the month of July 2026, Springfield Township residents recycled 163.5 tons of material with a householder participation rate of 60.5%. The net cost for the month was \$14,247.04.

Mr. May also reminded residents that electronic waste is not suitable for collection by the Township. In 2010, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania passed the "Covered Device Recycling Act," prohibiting the disposal of electronic waste in landfills and waste-to-steam plants. Electronic waste includes computers, televisions, monitors, keyboards, printers and similar devices. Small household electric and kitchen appliances are also unable to be collected. Please reference the Township website for appropriate disposal facilities for these and other household electric items.

Motion (May-Kirk) vote 6-0 to appoint Ben Schimeneck, of Flourtown, to fill an unexpired term of service as a voting member of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Mr. Schimeneck presently serves as an associate

member of the commission and is a member of the open space subcommittee. Mr. Schimeneck's term of service shall expire June 14, 2029.

Mr. May noted that Mr. Shimeneck is an outstanding member and great addition to the Environmental Advisory Commission.

Mr. May announced that Springfield Township will celebrate the completion of the Municipal Campus Solar Project with a ribbon cutting and public solar education event on Wednesday, August 19th at 9:30 a.m. at the Springfield Township Administration Building, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor. The celebration is scheduled as part of Philadelphia Energy Authority's Solar Week, spanning August 17-21. A "Solar & You" free public educational event will occur simultaneously from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the Township Building.

Motion (May-McNamara) vote 6-0 to accept a proposal from Servist Energy, Inc. to conduct an aerial infrared thermal imaging inspection for the Municipal Campus Solar Project. The scope of work includes the Police/Administration and Public Works Buildings, and is intended to detect hot spots, string outages, and module-level anomalies. The results will be compiled into a comprehensive report that will be used to document any deficiencies that are observed so that they may be corrected while the system is under warranty. The report will also serve as a baseline for thermal imaging assessments that may be performed in the future. The total cost of the work is \$3,250.

Ms. Ratsavong asked why the thermal imaging is important. Mr. Taylor commented that it is to make sure the panels are operating correctly while still under warranty and to serve as a baseline for any assessments that may be performed in the future.

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

Ms. McNamara thanked the Police Department and other staff for the National Night Out program that took place on August 4th.

Ms. McNamara announced that the next Public Safety Forum will be held on Thursday, September 17 at 7 PM at the Springfield Township Building and will feature a presentation on Crimes Against the Elderly and Care-dependent Individuals, including Common Scams.

The final Public Safety Forum for 2026 is scheduled to occur on Thursday, December 17 and will include A lookback at the year in the Police Department, including major public safety incidents, crimes and activities. Ms. Ratsavong noted that this topic is similar to District Justice Kate McGill's annual "State of the Courts."

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

At the August 10, 2026 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, the Board granted the Friends of the Free Library of Springfield Township permission to conduct a Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event at the Free Library of Springfield Township. The event is

tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 24, at the Free Library of Springfield Township. More information will be available on the Township website in the next several weeks as the Friends finalize their plans.

Ms. Ratsavong also announced that a free herb garden is located outside of the Library with herbs donated by Backyard Eats.

Mr. Goldberg, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Resources Committee, had no report:

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

Motion (Kirk-May) vote 6-0 to authorize the Office of the Township Engineer to advertise and solicit bids for the abatement of hazardous building materials and the demolition of all existing on-site structures at the former Tank Car Corporation of America property, 1725 Walnut Avenue, Oreland. The demolition is to prepare the site for a new Township park, which is anticipated to commence in 2027. To the extent possible, abatement and demolition activities will be scheduled to occur in the winter of 2026-27 but will ultimately depend upon the contractor(s) schedule.

Mr. Kirk said that he was excited to see the project get underway and add additional green space in Oreland.

Mr. Taylor commented that the bid specifications will address dust, the abatement will take care of hazardous building materials, and the demolition requires rodent and pest inspections and, if necessary, extermination.

Ms. Ratsavong asked Mr. Taylor to describe the status of the Harston Woods property on Haws Lane. Mr. Taylor gave a background on the project and announced that a walking trail was recently completed paved through the property for public use.

Ms. Ratsavong announced the intention of the Board at their September workshop/business meeting to discuss a motion to allow the Skate Park Association to fundraise and design a skate park facility within specified parameters at McKelvie Park.

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

Motion (Lee-May) vote 6-0, to adjourn the business meeting at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Taylor
Manager/Secretary