

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Business Meeting
6:30 p.m. – January 8, 2025

Persons Present:

Daniel E. Rooney, President Commissioner
David Detwiler, Vice President Commissioner
Andrew Herrold, Commissioner

Anne Gray, Commissioner
Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session was held on January 8th for the purpose of reviewing legal matters.

A. Presentations

1. Recreation Department / Commission – Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd

- i) Roberta expressed her support for the interest from the Board to bring back the Recreation Commission. She discussed how recreation and nature activities can improve quality of life for the residents of the Township. She requested the Board consider Section 30 of the First Class Township Code when giving liberties to the Recreation Commission.

B. Public Comment

- 1. Raeann Waltersdorf of 1558 Hollywood Pkwy expressed her disappointment with the functionality of the survey that is currently available regarding the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Rooney stated that the Township would investigate the issue.
- 2. Garth Ericson of 200 Elmwood Blvd thanked the police for the recent increased enforcement actions at the intersection of Elmwood Blvd and S Ogontz St. They suggested that additional signage or repainting the road markings might help increase the safety of the intersection.
- 3. Katherine Lore of 1306 Southern Rd expressed her concern about motorbikes and other similar vehicles running on the roads and the risk of them hitting property or being struck by another vehicle. Chief Zimmerman said that vehicles in that class are not to be driven on the road and that when it is happening to call the police and they can come out and address the issue.
- 4. Joe Darrah of 1173 Kings Mill Rd inquired about the status of a towing application he submitted three months ago. The Solicitor informed him that it was still in review, but the Township would be reaching out shortly regarding the application.

C. Business Meeting Minutes

- 1. **Motion (Detwiler/Herrold):** to approve the December 11, 2024 Business Meeting Minutes.
Discussion: None. Public comment: None. Carries 5/0.

D. Finance

- 1. **Motion (Herrold/Detwiler):** to accept the December 2024 Treasurer's Report and Bank Transactions. Discussion: None. Public comment: None. Carries 5/0.

E. Subdivision / Land Development

1. 45-Day Waiver Request: Lot 78 - Inch & Company

A 45-day extension to March 27, 2025 to meet conditions of recording. This will be the tenth time-extension waiver request.

Motion (Detwiler/Herrold): to approve a 45-day time extension for Lot 78 to March 27, 2025.

Discussion: None. Public comment: None. Carries 5/0.

F. Old Business

1. Comprehensive Plan Discussion Group "Advisory Committee" – FYI

Survey results were shared at the December 16th Open House and are available on the Comprehensive Plan page on the Spring Garden Township website. Spring Garden will not

have a January meeting. For those that were unable to attend the Open House the survey results are available to view and to submit comment online.

2. Mill Creek Trail and Greenway – Grant and Easement Status Update

- i) There was a brief discussion between Commissioner Rooney and David Davidson regarding no response to the grant application and the ongoing need for discussion about easements. Ricky Dubbs of 545 S Ogontz St inquired about cost.

3. Fire Station 892 on Indian Rock Dam Road

- i) **Requests of Proposals - Funding Consulting Services and – Government Relations Services Motion (Herrold/Detwiler):** to approve and distribute RFPs for funding consulting services (grant writing and management) and government relation services (lobbying). Discussion: Commissioner Gray noted that this is not to engage services of a specific firm, but to obtain additional quotes from other firms. Public comment: None. Carries 5/0.

- ii) **Request for Payment – MW Studios Invoice 24-156-01**

Motion (Gray/Detwiler):to approve payment in the amount of \$3,900 to MW Studios using unbudgeted funds from the Building Improvement Fund. Discussion: None. Public comment: None. Carries 5/0.

4. Ordinance Drafting to Establish an Advisory Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission would be responsible for advising the Board of Commissioners on the maintenance, operation, and equipping of Township parks, recreation areas, and facilities. The Recreation Commission could be a five (5) member advisory board appointed by ward by the Commissioners. The Recreation Commission could also be responsible for updating the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan.

Direction was given to begin the process of accepting letters of interest from residents interested in appointments to the Recreation Commission.

Motion (Herrold/Gray):to appoint David Detwiler as a Recreation Commission Liaison.

Discussion: Commissioner Gray clarified the position posted for Rec Coordinator has an application deadline of January 16, 2025. Public comment: Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd feels the Recreation Commission should have hiring abilities. Carries 5/0.

5. Police Merger with York County Regional Police Department (YCRPD)

Final versions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (ICA), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and Lease Agreement are under review. The ICA ordinance will be advertised, and the Board will vote on the merger documents at the 02/12/2025 BOC Business Meeting.

6. YorkLogistics/Dermody – E Boundary & S Albemarle Ave.

The Boundary Avenue portion of the I-83 Logisticenter was paved without all of the required inspections. To address this, it has been proposed to the developer to extend the maintenance bond period beyond the typical 18 months to 36 months.

- i) There was discussion between David Davidson, Commissioner Detwiler and Commissioner Rooney about the proposed duration extension of the maintenance bond and the length of time a road with that use would be expected to last given proper installation. Concern was expressed that even with the extended bond it could require the Township to replace the road well before the generally accepted lifetime. There has been no response from the developer regarding the proposed extension on the maintenance bond, and it was suggested by the Solicitor that it might be preferred by the developer to redo the portion of the road in question rather than tie funds up in a bond for an extended period.

G. New Business

1. 2025 Streets Project – Liquid Fuels

The 2025 Streets Paving Project and the 2025 Streets Materials Contract must be bid and require the Board's approval to advertise. Bids will be awarded at the 02/12/2025 meeting.

Motion (Herrold/Detwiler): to approve advertisement to seek bids for the 2025 Streets Paving Project and Materials Contract. Discussion: None. Public comment: None. Carries 5/0.

H. Commissioner Constituent Representation

1. Commissioner Detwiler, Ward 1

i) Thanked Public Works for the good work with snow removal.

2. Commissioner Rooney, Ward 2

i) Tri Hill Municipal Building Open House

a) Discussed a tentative time frame in April.

ii) Mill Creek 2025 Clean-Up

a) Stated that he is meeting with various groups and is aiming for April.

3. Commissioner Gray, Ward 3

i) Thanked a predecessor for the letter he sent and discussed speaking with previous Recreation Commission members to figure out what the hurdles were.

4. Commissioner Herrold, Ward 4 - None

5. Commissioner Gwilt, Ward 5

i) Additional general remarks about the traffic issues and thanks to Public Works for snow removal.

I. Township Consultant, Contracted Services, Departments

1. Township Consultants

i) Solicitor - None

ii) Engineer - None

iii) Fire Department / York Area United Fire and Rescue

a) YAUFR Charter Agreement – Proposed Changes

1) Commissioner Rooney stated that the draft version of the allocation formula is still in process. Chief Hoff acknowledged the positive healing status of injured firefighter and the departure of a firefighter and the promotion possibilities in the near future.

2. Township Administration

i) Manager - None

ii) Zoning and Codes Enforcement - None

iii) Public Works - None

iv) Police

a) Police Policy Updates

1) Resolution 2025-01 Police Policy: Prisoner Search and Escort

Resolution 2025-02 Police Policy: Field Training Program

Motion (Herrold/Gray): to approve Resolution 2025-01 – Prisoner Search and Escort and Resolution 2025-02 – Field Training Program. Discussion: None. Public comment: None. Carries 5/0.

2) Ogontz Street Parking – 500 Block

Discussion: about the request for a Residential Parking Zone on the 500 Block of S Ogontz St. Ricky Dubbs of 545 S Ogontz St stated that he wants a Residential Parking Zone due to restaurant patrons parking on the street. Chief Zimmerman

stated the process to create a restricted parking zone. Commissioner Gray inquired about the off-street parking. The need for a restricted parking zone was discussed by the Commissioners.

Motion (Herrold/Gwilt) to not move forward with creating a residential parking zone at the 500 Block of S Ogontz St. Discussion: None. Public comment: None. Carries 5/0.

- 3) Chief Zimmerman expressed his thanks to Prince Athletic Association for the donation.

J. Public Comment

1. Raeann Waltersdorf of 1558 Hollywood Pkwy stated that it has been two years since they presented about the history of the property at 1799 Mt Rose Ave. She expressed that she wants people to be aware and understand the history of the area, and wants it to be a good place for residents to go.
2. Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview asked about Comprehensive Plan meeting dates. The next meeting will be the 4th Monday in February.

II. Adjourn

Motion (Detwiler/Gray): to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.
Township Secretary

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