

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Business Meeting  
6:30 PM – March 11, 2026

Persons Present:

Jonathan Pinkerton, Commissioner  
David Detwiler, President Commissioner

Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner

**I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

This meeting is being streamed live and recorded for the purpose of drafting minutes.

**Agenda Amendment:**

**Motion (Gwilt/Pinkerton)** to amend the agenda to add a new business item that has come up within 24 hours of the meeting to authorize the solicitor to draft and advertise an Ordinance that is amending **§250-69(C)(9)** Sewers and Sewage disposal to update certain substance concentrations under the discharge amounts chart for the unacceptable waste and discharges to the levels that have been updated as mandated by DEP that were just announced earlier today. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.

**A. Presentations**

**B. Public Comment**

Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd stated that she thinks 1799 Mt Rose Ave should be a nature preserve, and that affordable housing would increase costs. She stated she thinks that it could be used for leisure events like those held at Rocky Ridge. She requested that the Commissioners consider voting on the land for dedication.

Shawn Schelz of 543 Lancaster Ave stated that he thinks 1799 is a thorn in the Township's side and that it should be sold. He thinks the Township could keep the lower six acres for Township use and sell the rest for commercial use to start making up for the years of missed tax revenue. Urged the Board not to dedicate it as a nature reserve, but to sell the property to fund other things such as parks and recreation. He feels the Township should let a developer come in and install the utilities.

**C. Meeting Minutes Approval**

**MOTION (Gwilt/Pinkerton):** to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026 with the correction of the spelling of Commissioner Pinkerton's name. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.

**D. Finance**

**MOTION (Pinkerton/Gwilt):** to accept the February 2026 Treasurer's Report and Bank Transactions. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.

**E. Subdivision / Land Development**

**Red Oaks at Regents Glen – 45-Day Time Extension**

**MOTION (Pinkerton/Gwilt):** to approve a 45-day time extension waiver to May 11, 2026, to record the Red Oaks at Regents Glen Final Land Development Plan. Discussion: Commissioner Pinkerton noted that the Applicant Acknowledgement was missing and the Assistant Manager said that it will be corrected. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.

**F. Old Business**

**1. Mill Creek Trail and Greenway**

**i) Phase I, Bike Lane on Public Street**

**MOTION (Gwilt/Pinkerton):** to approve payment from the Developers Recreation Fund in the amount of \$4,500 in budgeted funds to DE Gemmill and approve the DE Gemmill quote in the amount of \$13,375.24 to apply bike lane pavement markings. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.

2. **Fire Station 892 on Indian Rock Dam Road**
    - i) **Request for Payment – MW Studios Invoice 24-156-13**  
**MOTION (Gwilt/Pinkerton):** to approve a \$560.00 payment to MW Studios using unbudgeted funds from the Building Improvement Fund. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.
  3. **Liquid Fuels - 2026 Tri Hill Paving Project (MS-944)**  
**MOTION (Pinkerton/Gwilt):** to authorize the Engineer to advertise the Liquid Fuels 2026 Tri Hill Paving Project for bids. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.
  4. **Resolution 2026-10 PennDOT I-83 Widening Signing Authority**  
**MOTION (Gwilt/Pinkerton):** to approve Resolution 2026-10 PennDOT I-83 Widening Signing Authority. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.
  5. **Capital Purchase – Belmont Roller Tilt Trailer Update.**  
**MOTION (Pinkerton/Gwilt):** to approve the purchase of a Belmont Tilt Trailer from Burkholder Manufacturing in the amount of \$9,890 using budgeted capital funds. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.
  6. **Parks Capital Improvement Plan – Proposed 2027 Windsor Park Renovation Project**  
**MOTION (Gwilt/Pinkerton):** to approve the YSM Landscape Architect’s proposal in the amount of \$3,000 in Developer’s Recreation Funds to develop a conceptual design, site development drawing, and cost estimate for Windsor Park. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.
  7. **Tri Hill Sanitary and Stormwater Sewer Project**
    - i) **Time Extension Change Order Through April 24, 2026, Due to Weather**  
**MOTION (Pinkerton/Gwilt):** to approve the Tri Hill Sewer Project Change Order #2 for a time extension. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.
  8. **PA American Water and Aqua Merger – Cost Share of Legal Expenses**  
**MOTION (Gwilt/Pinkerton):** to approve \$2,196.14 in sewer funds to cover the Township’s portion of the petition to intervene. Discussion: Commissioner Pinkerton asked for clarification on the breakdown process. Public Comment: Shawn Schlenz of 543 Lancaster Ave asked if it was to stop the merger and Commissioner Detwiler clarified that it is to ensure that what we locked in is honored. 3/0. Carries.
  9. **Social Media Use for Township Purposes Policy Update**  
**DIRECT** staff to provide the Board, for consideration, an updated Social Media Use for Township Purposes Policy to allow for public engagement through commenting on the Recreation Facebook page.
- G. New Business**
1. **York County Regional Police Department (YCRPD)**  
**MOTION (Gwilt/Pinkerton):** to approve payment to York County Regional Police Department from the Capital Fund in the amount of \$108,500 for Car 2 per the ICA and 2026 Budget. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 3/0. Carries.
  2. **MOTION (Detwiler/Gwilt)** to authorize the solicitor to draft and advertise and Ordinance that is amending **§250-69(C)(9)** Sewers and Sewage disposal to update certain substance concentrations under the discharge amounts chart for the unacceptable waste and discharges to the levels. Discussion: None. Public Comment: Lynne Huddleston of 808 Clearmount Rd asked about the standards being more lax or stringent than previous standards. The engineer clarified that they are more stringent. 3/0. Carries.
- H. Commissioner Constituent Representation**
1. **Commissioner Detwiler, Ward 1** – Thanked the various agencies involved in the cleanup associated with the J & K Salvage Yard fire.

2. **Commissioner Pinkerton, Ward 2** – Echoed Commissioner Detwiler’s sentiments about the J & K Salvage Yard fire response. Congratulations to YAUFR on their CFAI credentials. Noted the progress of the Mill Creek Greenway project. Looks forward to working with colleagues and the public on the Mt. Rose property and suggested and master site development plan through the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
  3. **Commissioner Gray, Ward 3** – Not present
  4. **Commissioner Herrold, Ward 4** – Not present
  5. **Commissioner Gwilt, Ward 5** – Congratulated and recognized YAUFR.
- I. **Township Consultant, Contracted Services, Departments**
1. **Township Consultants**
    - i) **Solicitor** - None
    - ii) **Engineer** - None
    - iii) **Fire Department / York Area United Fire and Rescue** - None
    - iv) **Police Department / York County Regional Police Department** - None
  2. **Township Administration**
    - i) **Manager** - None
    - ii) **Zoning and Codes Enforcement** – Noted that due to limited staffing the March Zoning Hearing Board will not be streamed on YouTube.
    - iii) **Public Works** - None
    - iv) **Recreation** – Noted that the Township is hiring for Summer Parks staff. Summer Park program will run from June 15 – August 6. Mill Creek Clean-up will be May 30, 2026.
- J. **Public Comment**  
Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview commented on projected taxes for Mt Rose commercial properties.
- II. **Adjourn**  
**MOTION (Gwilt/Pinkerton):** to adjourn at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.  
Township Secretary  
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