

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Workshop
5:00 PM – September 9, 2026

Officials Present:

David Detwiler, President Commissioner
Andrew Herrold, Vice President Commissioner
Jonathan Pinkerton, Commissioner

Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner
Anne Gray, Commissioner

I. Commence Workshop

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

1. Township Manager
 - a. Reviewed planned staffing and allocation for 2027.
 - b. Reviewed forthcoming projects in 2027.
2. Krista Gardner
 - a. There are no official numbers for benefit premiums available at this time.
 - b. Discussed offering benefits to Commissioners including cost sharing, HSA benefits, and dependent eligibility.
 - i. Melissa Stuart of 1161 Hollywood Terrace asked for clarification if that was to include medical, dental, and vision and it was confirmed it would.
 - ii. Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Road asked about current policy. It was clarified that it is available to Commissioners at full cost to the Commissioner, and that the discussion is whether to offer it to Commissioners at the same rate that it is offered to administrative employees. She also asked about other municipalities.
 - iii. It would be budgeted at the max cost if it was something to be budgeted.
 - c. The 2027 recreation budget was discussed. It was noted that recreation expenses do not include park maintenance/grounds expenses.
 - i. Commissioner Herrold inquired about comparing it to other local established programs. Commissioner Pinkerton inquired of Melissa Stuart (Recreation Commission Member) on how the budget aligned with the Recreation Commission's. It was clarified that re-establishing the program makes it difficult to compare with established programs because of the additional expenses required to build the programs; and that they do not discuss/review financial information at the Recreation Commission meetings.
 - d. Discussed capital project funds for YAUFRA apparatus purchases and a police car as part of the YCRPD ICA.
 - e. Discussed sewer projects including Greendale in 2027 and sewer capital projects including I-83 Widening in 2027, State Street in 2028, and flush truck in 2030.
 - f. Waiting for the PA American Water rate increases for 2027.
 - g. All police pension payments required as part of the merger have been made.
 - h. Emergency services costs discussed.
 - i. Discussed proposed work at Ogontz Street Public Work facility.
 - j. Anticipate York County Stormwater Consortium permit work payments to resume in 2028.

3. Solicitor

- a. Zoning Ordinance rewrite is anticipated to be completed in 2027. Noted that drafts are not public record. It will be advertised for review before a Public Hearing is held, where the public can make comments about the draft. Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview requested the Ordinance changes be made in small increments, and inquired about the status of 1799 Mt Rose Avenue. It was clarified by the Solicitor and Commissioners that not rushing and working on the Ordinance in its entirety helps ensure that it is as 'right' as it can be after the update, which takes time, and looking at the big picture.

Adjourn: 6:06pm

II. Conclusion of the Workshop

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.
Township Secretary
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