

Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

March 13, 2018

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Dave Long, Jim Nilsen, Tony Matzura.

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced the Board met in executive session for personnel matters.

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura, to approve the February 27, 2018 minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Arianne Elinich asked the Board to reconsider whether to allow chemical spraying in Peppermint Park by the tenant farmer.

Business

Selecting Building Code Official—The Board heard presentations from Barry Isett and Codemaster, the two finalists for BCO. The Board tabled the appointment until the next meeting.

Ordinance 192; merging Open Space Committee and Park and Rec Board (version 1, 3/12/2018)—The Board did not change the proposed name of, “Park and Land Preservation Board.” The Board removed lines 40-49 from the draft and opted to release all existing members from service upon the effective date of the ordinance. The Board offered to give currently serving members first consideration upon making appointments. The Board capped expenditures without prior consent to \$1000. Mr. Brown informed the Board a new section would have to be added repealing Sections 42.40-32.66 of the Township’s Code.

Mr. Brown will offer another draft at the next meeting.

Appointments—Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Tony Matzura, to appoint Sue Boyd to the Environmental Advisory Council with a term to expire on 12/31/2020. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Jim Nilsen, to appoint the following people to the Planning Commission:

- Brian Hague, with a term to expire on 12/31/2019
- Angela Kelly, with a term to expire on 12/31/2021

All in favor. Motion carries.

Supplemental comments on Bucks County Waste Management Plan: The Board reviewed the EAC’s comments about the plan and endorsed forwarding it to the County for inclusion with the Board’s comments, with the exception of the comment of enforcement on waste haulers. The Board did not feel it had jurisdiction to regulate waste haulers at all.

Spraying for West Nile Virus—Motion by Karen Bedics, seconded by Jim Nilsen, to grant permission to treat municipal properties to the Bucks County Health Department. All in favor. Motion carries.

Supervisor Comments:

Dave Long reported the Township had won the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association award for excellence in local government. He will attend the award ceremony in Malvern and invited the other Board members to attend.

Karen Bedics asked to have 8 volunteer spots arranged on SignUp Genius for the watershed clean up on April 7th.

Jim Nilsen recommended establishing a Township level "Adopt-A-Highway" program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown, Township Manager

Approved: