



Call to Order: Supervisor Moreau called the June 14, 2022, Joint Meeting of the Springfield Township Board and the Springfield Township Park Commission to order at 5:30 pm at the Springfield Township Civic Center with members of the public onsite in the Meeting Room.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Laura Moreau	Township Supervisor
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Sean Miller	Township Clerk
Jason Pliska	Township Trustee
Denny Vallad	Township Trustee
Bill Whitley	Township Trustee

Park Commissioners Present

Roger Bower	Park Commissioner/Chairman
Anne Loncar	Park Commissioner
Rich Parke	Park Commissioner
Angela Spicer	Park Commissioner
Jean Vallad	Park Commissioner

Board Members/Commissioners Not Present

David Hopper	Township Trustee
Diane Baker	Park Commissioner
Dennis Omell	Park Commissioner

Others Present

Sarah Richmond	Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Losey	Natural Resources Manager



Agenda:

1. Overview of Parks & Recreation Activities, New Services & Programs

Director Richmond provided an overview of Parks and Recreation Activities, new services and programs. She explained that senior programs have returned and for those seniors that do not want to come out, they provide take out meals. Tennis and golf lessons are popular and are currently on a wait list. She commented on special events programming and excellent attendance at those events. She commented on the success of new programs and existing programs. She suggested that pickleball courts at Mill Pond Park is something that is being considered. She also commented on how rental rates have returned to pre-Covid numbers. Green Lake Park has been improved and she urged the meeting members to visit that park. She provided details of the improvements. She also explained improvements that have been made to the Hart Community Center. They have had challenges hiring seasonal staff but explained current staffing numbers.

2. Senior Services and Township Master Plan

Supervisor Moreau explained that Senior Services and the Township Master Plan is something that the Township has talked about for years. The Township is now in the process of updating the Master Plan and this is an opportunity to look at the entire document. August 31, 2022 is a day that is set aside for a visioning session. She explained the Master Plan update process and steps. Supervisor Moreau also explained priorities for the Master Plan update including considering a solar ordinance and composting review. The Planning Commission is considering different items at the visioning session along with other Board members and Commissioners. She provided details about the public input sessions. They will look at Senior Services from a land use perspective and Supervisor Moreau explained how this will be incorporated into the Master Plan. She urged the Park Commissioners to consider attending this visioning session to provide details and input. She explained that this visioning session would be open to the public, but it was primarily to get feedback from Board members, Commissioners, and staff.

Commissioner Parke suggested that residents may want to attend this visioning session to speak about Mill Pond Dam.

Supervisor Moreau stated that this is why the visioning session was not the kickoff. They will have a kickoff meeting after the August 31, 2022 meeting. They are waiting to see what happens with the ALS Millage in August, so waiting until the end of August makes sense.



3. Mill Pond Dam Update

Supervisor Moreau provided an update to the Mill Pond Dam project including grant funding opportunities and increased costs.

Commissioner Parke asked if any of the grant funding required matching by the Township.

Supervisor Moreau answered yes, some of it. She explained the funding opportunities that they are considering.

Commissioner Vallad asked if the lawsuit has gone to court and is it resolved.

Supervisor Moreau answered no; they received an opinion from the court and it got kicked back to the District Court. She provided some details about the case and the opinion received.

4. Hartman Property Committee Update

Director Richmond provided an update regarding the Hartman Property. The contractor that they had received a price from, GEI, can no longer hold their price. She commented on the updated price of the work and explained the bidding process that they would have to do again.

Mr. Losey stated that GEI applied for the wetland permit so the Township will have that. This will ensure that the plans are bid spec quality.

Supervisor Moreau stated that they would not only bid for the stream crossing and the bridge but also the railroad crossing portion of it in one project.

Director Richmond stated that AEW has provided an estimate for the pedestrian crossing at a cost of \$74,455.50. This takes into consideration the accommodations that CN requires. The Township Board approved the overall plan but did not approve sending it out for bid yet and they are waiting for CN to finalize the exhibit.

Clerk Miller asked if there was a sunset date on the permit received.

Mr. Losey answered that once it is received, it is valid for a couple years.



5. Civic Center Parking Lot Repaving/Carport Installation

Supervisor Moreau provided details about the Civic Center Parking Lot repaving and carport installation project which starts on June 20, 2022 and the notification methods that the Township is using.

Clerk Miller commented on the election inspector training that he has scheduled for July 16, 2022.

Supervisor Moreau stated that they would take that into consideration, but all the dates are flexible at this point.

6. Update on Contracted Snow Removal

Supervisor Moreau updated the meeting attendees on the contracted snow removal that they used last year and commented on the benefits of adding this service. She reviewed a distributed expense sheet showing the expected and the actual charges for this service.

Director Richmond stated that they had additional staff time for plowing, and she explained the properties that were maintained.

Commissioner Vallad commented that this change was a benefit. She asked about maintaining the lumberyard.

Supervisor Moreau explained that they would just clear the snow to access the drain.

Commissioner Parke asked if the Township experienced any insurance savings by having this contracted out.

Supervisor Moreau replied no; they still have staff using the equipment. She explained the cost savings that the Township received.

Supervisor Moreau stated that the Township contracted with All-in-One last year but they agreed to revisit this item this year and get bids for the service. She has talked to the Property Manager about this.

Treasurer Dubre agreed with going out for bid but not necessarily going with the lowest bidder. The Township needs to make sure that they have quality staff to provide good service and there are a lot of services in the Township to get bids from. All-in-One has shown that they are competent and provide good service.



Meeting attendees agreed with getting bids for the snowplow service this year.

7. Other Township Projects & Priorities

Commissioner Vallad asked about the Sheriff substation relocation to the Civic Center.

Supervisor Moreau updated the meeting attendees regarding the relocation of the substation to the Civic Center.

Meeting attendees discussed the relocation of the substation to the Civic Center and the changes to the internal office space that this will require. They also talked about safety measures that were included in the new revised plan.

Supervisor Moreau updated the meeting attendees about the benefit to having the Township Building Department in-house and explained a customer service response questionnaire that was recently added by Brian Piper, Building Department Clerk. Beth Sexton, Assessing Department staff, is retiring at the end of August 2022 and she explained staff changes that are planned.

Supervisor Moreau stated that the Whoopee Bowl is on the Planning Commission agenda for site plan review at the end of the month. It is going to be a facility housing vendors which will be similar to Yellow Dog.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjournment: Hearing no other business, Supervisor Moreau adjourned the Board meeting at 6:29 pm.

Laura Moreau, Supervisor

Sean R. Miller, Clerk