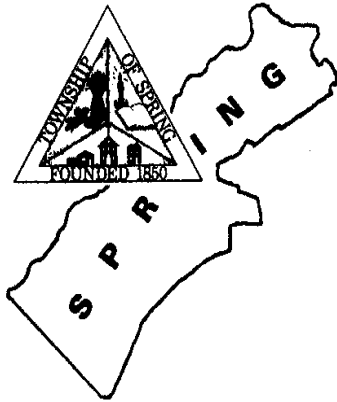


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SPECIAL MEETING

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MARCH 20, 2008

Opening of Meeting: A legally advertised special meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dallas, on Thursday, March 20, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, located at 2800 Shillington Road, Cornwall Terrace, Berks County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of a Township Community Center/Library and to consider such other items of business as then may be presented to the said Board of Supervisors.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Upon roll call, Supervisors Collins, Dallas, Kreider, Smith and Vaughan were present. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, James Moll, Judy Houck, Teri Hettinger, Sheryl Kressler, James Oswald, Peter Bliudzius, Paul Sommers, Glenn Speicher, Neil Rush, Bette Detterer, Joyce Aukamp, Tracee Yawger, Celia Colby, Joe Phillips, Jim Linske, and Erin Negley of the Reading Eagle.

Welcoming Remarks: Chairman Dallas welcomed the audience to this special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to review a conceptual plan and cost analysis for the combination facility of a Community Center/Library on a site owned by the Township.

Opening Comments: Chairman Dallas, recognized Director of Operations, Leon Mazurie, who read an Opening Comment (attached hereto) detailing the history of the purchase of 2940 and 3000 Penn Avenue for a Community Center/Library and the reasons why the planning process could not continue on this site. Thereafter, the Board of Supervisors decided to request that George J. Donovan & Associates perform a conceptual plan/cost analysis for a Community Center/Library on property owned by the Township, formerly the Breneman Quarry, now known as the Shoener Lake property.

Needs Assessment: Parks and Recreation Manager, Judy Houck, explained that the Township has been searching for an in-door facility, which would be available to the Township during day time hours and would facilitate programs for residents from ages 2 to 92. School district facilities are limited and, at times, cost prohibitive. The goal of municipal recreation is to provide many different types of programs for residents of all ages. However, in order for the Township to provide these programs and meet the current needs and future needs of the residents of Spring Township, an in-door

facility will be necessary.

Celia Colby, Librarian for the Spring Township Library, reported that the library has experienced tremendous growth and computer use has doubled. Combining the services of a community center and a library would allow for more adult programming, meeting rooms, private study spaces, a movie room, and space for additional computers.

Children's Librarian, Tracee Yawger, informed the Board that there has been a 142% increase in children's circulation since 2005. The Children's Library is in close proximity to the areas of the library used by adults who may be reading or utilizing computers. The evening children's program is expanding during the summer, and there are plans for programs for 7-11 year olds and teenagers, for which added space would be helpful.

Chairman Dallas, Township liaison to the Library Board, commented that the Township is very diverse and there seems to be a lack of community feeling within the Township. The combination concept would bring residents together while providing access to technology, books and other learning tools.

Conceptual Plan Review by Architect: At this time, the conceptual plan was reviewed by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Linske, of George J. Donovan & Associates. The plan shows views of the lake, building and parking. There are three (3) proposed main areas: the library, gymnasium and banquet facilities.

Conceptual Plan Comments/Questions: Questions and comments were heard from the Parks and Recreation staff, Library staff, Board of Supervisors and the public. Mrs. Houck highlighted her review letter, dated February 29, 2008, (attached) pertaining to the design. Many topics were discussed, including space needed for the Spring Seniors Club, sustainable energy issues, the grade of the site, parking spaces, future expansion of the library, coat room/showers near the gymnasium, growth 20 years in the future, a second access, and the use of effluent from the WWTP for heating, cooling and light.

Closing Comments: Chairman Dallas read his Closing Comment (attached hereto) relating to continued consideration of the project by the Board and the possibility that the Penn Avenue property could be the anchor for future improvements and revitalization of the Penn Avenue corridor.

No action was taken by the Supervisors.

There being no further business, Chairman Dallas adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Sheryl Kressler, Township Secretary.