

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARCH 17, 2008

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 7:00 P. M. Those in attendance were Lois Leonard (Chairperson), Mark Jordan (Vice-Chairman), Robert Hahn (Supervisor), John Baranski (Solicitor) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Jordan, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as prepared.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Hahn did not review the minutes. Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to approve the previous minutes. Mr. Hahn did not vote.

Rules of Decorum for Citizen Participation. Attorney Baranski provided a copy of his ideas for how township public meetings should be conducted for the board to review. Mr. Hahn had questions concerning the document.

-The Sunshine Law does not define a work session. The attorney stated that the wording could be changed to "staff or committee informal meeting" instead of work session. This would be a meeting where one (1) supervisor would be in attendance with office staff or other board members, no official action being taken, and open to the public. The informal sessions would be included and guidelines would be set for all public meetings.

-Instead of public sign up available, they should be able to call the office and request to be placed on the agenda, given first preference under the public request section.

-Public comment time period. Mr. Hahn does not feel that 5 minutes is enough time. The attorney states that the board certainly wants public comment, but a reasonable and sufficient amount of time should be designated in order to keep the meeting from being monopolized by public comments, his recommendation is 5 minutes.

-Would like wording to be changed in items 18, 19 & 20 from public hearing to public meeting.

-Questioned if the township has ever had a problem with signs or banners being displayed at meetings. Ms Leonard informed him that signs have been displayed.

-Wants to know if presentations can be displayed to the public at the supervisor meetings. (subdivision plans-Under section 3 of the consequences section, states that "Roberts Rules of Order" does not allow one person to recess or resume a meeting. He feels that a "journal" should be kept of any disruptions until cameras are installed in the meeting room. Attorney Baranski said that Northern Regional Police Chief, Carl Segatti, recommended the installation of cameras. Hearing no other board comments, Mr. Baranski will take the comments under consideration as he prepares a new draft copy.

-Mr. Hahn said that one of the township residents received a letter stating that they will be disbarred if the action continues and he would like to know the attorneys definition of "legitimate township business". Attorney Baranski stated that legitimate business would be business that is listed on the agenda, and other normal daily township business. Coming into the building to talk, insult or question staff performances is not considered legitimate township business. Mr. Hahn wanted to be clear on the matter and said that he basically feels the same way.

-Mr. Hahn asked the chairperson why the supervisors were not informed that "plain clothed" police officers would be in attendance tonight and at the February meeting. Lou Anne Bostic apologized for the oversight on her part, she thought that she had notified them.

The decorum policy is tabled until the next meeting to allow Attorney Baranski to research Roberts Rules and prepare a new draft copy.

**-RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS COMBINED WITH THE PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.**

Ms Leonard asked that the speaker give their name and address. Each person will be allowed 5 minutes to speak in order for all parties to be heard. The representatives from Spotts, Stevens and McCoy are in attendance tonight only to hear the public comments and will not be answering any questions from the public.

-George Herman, 960 East Butter Road presented an oral and a written document opposing the proposed change to the comprehensive plan that addressed the agricultural zone. Mr. Herman stated that he does not feel lot sizes should be increased.

- James Hooper, 309 Bank Hill Road representing the Mason Dixon Trail System requested that the comprehensive plan include a section recognizing the PA Highlands Trail Network including how it relates to the Mason Dixon Trail System. Mr. Hahn asked why that would not be included in the comprehensive plan.

-Phil Figdore, 475 Jug Road requested that the township recognize Lance Cpl. Jordan, by resolution, to congratulate him on his service to our country.

-Alice Herman, represented by George Herman, 960 East Butter Road asked why density formulas were not included in any previous Conewago Township Comprehensive Plans.

-Richard Irvine, 25 Quickel Road is concerned that increased lot sizes in the agricultural zone will prohibit him from giving his children property.

-Phil Figdore, 475 Jug Road asked what happens next in the comprehensive plan process. Ms Leonard explained that SSM will revise the plan as the board requests and return for their final review before the MPC 45 day period starts. After that time the plan comes back to the board for public hearings and final adoption.

-Pete Adomis, 865 East Canal Road asked about the evacuation plan for the township.

-Mr. Steeple, 660 East Butter Road complained about truck traffic.

No other public requests were presented.

Mr. Hahn questioned the growth areas. Mr. Schellhamer of SSM explained that the growth areas are shown on the future land use map and include all zones except Agricultural and Conservation. There are 938 acres available for development providing a build-out capacity of 6,715 additional persons for the projected 2020 population.

Mr. Hahn asked if the township will be adopting an "Official Map" as defined by the MPC. Mr. Neuhs of SSM explained that the governing body can adopt an official map, however, it is not proposed. The map would show elements with regard to public lands and facilities in the township.

Mr. Hahn asked if the comprehensive plan addresses alternative methods of development. Mr. Schellhamer explained that recommended development concepts are addressed in the plan including Traditional Neighborhood Design, Net Out Provisions, Open Space Development (Growing Greener) and Infill Policies.

No other board comments were presented.

Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Mr. Hahn, motion unanimously carried, to have Spotts, Stevens & McCoy amend the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the following:

-York County Planning Commission comments including reference to the Mason Dixon Trail and The Pennsylvania Highlands Trail.  
-Change the area between I83 and Locust Point Road to Commercial/Industrial.  
-Change the agricultural zone back to current regulations. (1 acre lot minimum) No Agricultural Zoning Protection in place.

- OTHER BUSINESS: None

- ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Jordan, motion carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lou Anne Bostic