

Mount Joy Township Supervisors' Workshop Meeting

January 10, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Board Chairman - John Gormont; Supervisors - David Updyke, Gilbert Clark, Mike Gearhart, Brad Trostle;
Susan Smith, Solicitor; Sheri Moyer, Office Assistant

 0 Number of Residents Signed Attendance Sheet for this meeting.

The Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors met this date, as publicly advertised, at the Mount Joy Township Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Item/Topic		Discussion	Action/Resolution	Follow Up/ Date
I.	Call to Order	John Gormont presiding. Starting Time: 7:00 pm		
II.	Public Comments	None		
III.	Business			
	A. PSATS Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show April 21-24	Mr. Gormont questioned the Board to see if anyone was interested in attending.	Mr. Clark, Mr. Gearhart, Mr. Trostle and Mr. Updyke are unable to attend. Mr. Gormont stated he would like to attend.	
	B. Service/Maintenance Contract for Heating/AC System	Mr. Gearhart retracted the contract. Mr. Gearhart indicated that he surveyed several heating/ac companies who indicated that they give free estimates. If filters are the issue we will take care of it in-house. Mr. Gearhart indicated a schedule will be created for regular filter replacement which will be done in-house.	Mr. Gearhart retracted the contract.	

	C. Bob Conover - Resignation from ZHB	Mr. Gormont stated that Mr. Conover hand delivered a resignation letter from the ZHB as of January 8, 2013. Mr. Gormont read the letter and thanked Mr. Conover for his service on the Zoning Hearing Board.		
	D. Appointment to fill vacancy on ZHB	Mr. Gearhart questioned whether the police officer that Mr. Clark knew would be interested in serving on the ZHB. Mr. Clark stated that he had no idea. Mr. Trostle made a motion to appoint Scott Shriver to the ZHB. Mr. Trostle indicated Mr. Shriver is a long term resident and that he knew him personally.	Mr. Trostle moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to approve the appointment of Scott Shriver to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried unanimous.	
	E. ATV Noise/Dust/Glare/Emissions/Accelerated Erosion Complaint – Mr. McCauslin	Mr. Gormont read correspondence received from Mr. McCauslin complaining about ATV use. Mr. Gormont stated that the Township Solicitor has been in contact with Mr. McCauslin's attorney. The Solicitor indicated that attached to this correspondence was correspondence going back for the past year with the exception that none of her correspondence was attached. Included in the correspondence was a letter from the neighbor's attorney telling him that he has not claim. The Solicitor indicated that Cindy Smith, Zoning Officer, has corresponded with Mr. McCauslin informing him that the use is a recreation use which is a use. He also complained about noise, Ms. Smith indicated that while we have a noise ordinance we have no enforcement body to respond to a noise complaint. Mr. McCauslin contacted the County Conservation District asserting that these activities were in wetlands and/or causing soil erosion. The Conservation District did go to the property and did a site visit and County Conservation found that there were no DEP	Ms. Smith will draft a letter to Mr. McCauslin indicating that we have received his correspondence, that the township is not enacting anything at this time. Reiterate the recommendations made in the past and that we hope they can come to an amicable decision.	

		violations. Mr. McCauslin has indicated that he would file a Mandamus against the Township. Susan Smith indicated that is not the typical court filing and that it would not get very far.		
	F. Sign Ordinance Review – Mr. Gearhart	Mr. Gearhart provided an outline titled "Off Premise Signs Discussion" (<u>NOT</u> billboards). Content and directional signage only. It was decided that directional will only be permitted within the Townships right-of-way on secondary roads. They will be 8" x 3' (expandable depending on name), permanent metal signs, olive green/sage with white lettering and white border. Township to provide signage, mounts and installation. Multiple (3-5) directional signs allowed on mount. Height to be determined by the edge of roadway. Content signs - one per mount. No lighting for either directional or content signs - reflective is ok. Permits are required with annual renewal and fee (\$5 -\$10). If not renewed the sign will be removed. If content sign to be placed on private property, other than company, Township will need an Easement Agreement form which will be dated and signed, notarized and recorded. (Rental fee is between company and landowner).		Forward to Supervisors' Wkshp., 2/7
	G. Comprehensive Plan, Rt. 97 Corridor			Forward to Supervisors' Wkshp., 2/7
IV.	Adjournment	With no further business to be discussed by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm		

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Moyer
Office Assistant