

MAY 16, 2002 SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC HEARING:

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held a Public Hearing this date, as publicly advertised, at 6:45 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA, with Chairman James Waybright presiding. Others in attendance were: Supervisors Scott, Rogers, and Chantelau; Solicitor Walton V. Davis; News Reporter Alex Gayhart (*The Gettysburg Times*); and Secretary Brenda Constable.

Citizens in attendance were: Jerry Maloney; Eileen Holmes; Linda Gebhart and Nancy Brown of the Gettysburg Village Outlets; Henry Reaver; Dave Gilbert; and Harold Kirschner.

Chairman Waybright led everyone with the Pledge to the Flag.

Chairman Waybright stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive oral and written comments on a proposed amendment of the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 110 (Zoning). A definition of "Special Events" would be added to §110-20 by adding a new §110-28.B. Waybright asked for any public comment at this time.

Jerry Maloney questioned how the ordinance would be enforced. Solicitor Davis stated that it would be part of the Zoning Officer's duties. If a complaint is well founded, then he would send out an enforcement notice. If nothing happens in 30 days, the Township can forward the issue to the District Justice's office. An appeal process could then happen, and/or eventually fines issued. The fine would be \$1,000. The person responsible for the special event must comply. Scott added that this process makes the applicant liable.

Waybright noted that County Planning and Development Office submitted written comments recommending that, with a few minor adjustments, the proposed amendment should be adopted.

Jerry Maloney asked for clarification on which districts were not permitted for this use: SFR1, SFR2 and MDR (see §110-25). Davis explained that a few things could happen at Lake Heritage if the event would be held at the Community Center. He noted that Straban Township lowered the limited number of participants to 200 in their ordinance.

Chantelau questioned if the changes suggested by the County were done, would another hearing be needed? Davis stated that he didn't think so.

Jerry Maloney asked the Supervisors to consider lowering the limited number of participants from 500 to 250. Discussion was held noting that some events such as wedding receptions could easily have more than 250 people and if they are not held in a "regular" reception hall, they would need to get a permit. Davis commented that this event is designed mainly for concerts and civil war re-enactments.

Waybright asked for further public comment. No more was given. Waybright adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Constable
Secretary