

Slippery Rock Township Supervisors

Minutes for: Public Hearing: Nuisance Gathering

March 13, 2017

Vice Chairman, John Hines called the public hearing to order at 8:29 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors John Hines and Terry Doerr, plus Rick Grossman, planning consultant and Wil White, solicitor. Three members of the public attended. Chairman, Paul Dickey was absent.

John Hines announced the purpose of the hearing is to hear testimony concerning the Proposed Nuisance Gathering Ordinance. John then turned the meeting over to Wil White, solicitor.

Solicitor opening statement - Wil White commented as follows:

This public hearing is for the Nuisance Gathering ordinance that we already have on our books. Wil noted that there was a typographical error that needed to be corrected plus Mr. Grossman and myself met with PA State Police (PSP) and made revisions including the PSP input. This revision specifically changes the definition of what a nuisance gathering is plus adding two more items in Section 503 - Declaration of Nuisance Gathering subsection k and l. Section 506 clarified the penalty and how to enforce plus minor revisions.

Rick Grossman, TWP planning consultant, assistant zoning officer, was sworn in. No one from the general public wishes to speak.

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Wil White did not have the original proof of publication, but did put into the record an email from Julie at the Butler Eagle Legal Advertisement Department, that the notice was published on February 24, 2017 and March 3, 2017. Wil will forward the original notice to SR TWP to include as Exhibit A as part of the record.

Wil White asked Rick Grossman to state his name and title: So done. Wil White asked Rick to confirm what was already said or provide any corrections for the record. Richard Grossman stated that Atty. White's summary of the ordinance was factual and accurate with the understanding that PA State Police had some input. Richard Grossman added that he believes that this ordinance will help prevent the large gatherings from getting out of control and these small changes can only make the ordinance better. Wil White explained that the significant change was the clarification of what determines a nuisance gathering as noted in Section 503 subsection l. Wil added that since SR TWP adopted the initial nuisance gathering ordinance, other Townships have contacted him and Rick Grossman for copies for use in their communities.

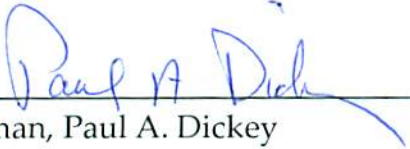
John Hines asked a question addressed to Rick Grossman: Based on experience with the PA State Police (PSP) and based on the wording in our ordinance, in regards to authority, what is the reaction of the PSP? Rick responded: it is not the PSP intention to enforce our ordinances, but knowing that we have these ordinances they will cooperate with the Township enforcement of them. Wil White added that PSP have reviewed our ordinance and have added input with their satisfaction.

Wil White added that the Township has been getting permit requests from properties for large events and this activity puts property managers on notice of what needs to be done and the consequences if not followed.

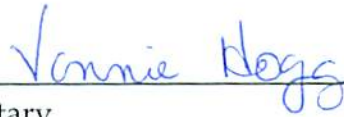
Wil White asked for any additional comments. None

Wil White explained the decision making process and asked the board to adjourn the hearing.

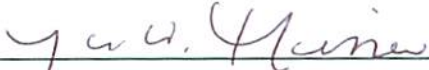
Terry Doerr made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 8:44 p.m. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



Chairman, Paul A. Dickey



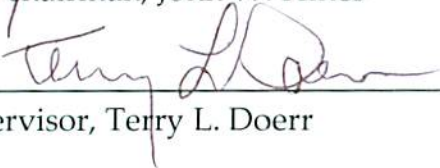
Secretary



Vice-chairman, John W. Hines



Date approved



Supervisor, Terry L. Doerr