

Slippery Rock Township Supervisors
Minutes for: Public Hearing
Temporary Use of Outdoor Speakers/Temporary Outdoor
Entertainment
March 13, 2017

Vice Chairman, John Hines called the public hearing to order at 8:00 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors John Hines and Terry Doerr, Rick Grossman, planner plus Wil White, solicitor and two members of the public. Chairman, Paul Dickey was absent.

John Hines announced the purpose of the hearing is to hear testimony concerning the Outdoor Sound System/Temporary Outdoor Entertainment Ordinance Changes. John then turned the meeting over to Wil White, solicitor.

Solicitor opening statement - Wil White commented as follows:

This public hearing is for the Temporary Use of Outdoor Sound Systems only. This specific ordinance has already been passed and this proposed ordinance has had a slight change to the wording, but most importantly what is happening to this ordinance is that it is being moved. It is being removed from the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 27 section 404.1 and moving it to Conduct Ordinance Chapter 6 Part 4 because Rick Grossman and myself mostly believe it deals more with nuisance, disturbance of the peace and is more of a health and safety matter and such should fall under general conduct and is not really a zoning matter. When it was put in the zoning ordinance it was mislabeled. Our actions are to formalize rescinding Section 404.1 from the zoning ordinance and readopting the revised version in Chapter 6 Conduct. Part 4. The revisions are very few: Rick and I met with the PA State Police to see if our existing ordinance was working and some good ideas came from that meeting. The significant change was to clarify definition of outdoor events.

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 confirm what was already said or provide any corrections for the record. Richard Grossman stated that he was the SR TWP, planning consultant and assistance zoning officer. Rick confirmed that the facts relayed by Atty. White are correct. One section that I believe is important and has changed is Section 415 Revocation of Permit/Eligibility – PA State Police and/or the Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer can pull the permit.

Rick questioned Atty. White – if this ordinance is adopted can we proceed directly to citation? Wil White responded: That is correct. We can issue a summary citation and take it straight to the local magistrate for a hearing. The PA State Police can do the same.

John Hines asked who the citation would be issued to. Wil White referenced section 415 Revocation of Permit/Eligibility, saying it could be the permit holder or the property owner/manager. Typically

you would cite the person responsible who obtained the permit, but you are not limited to that person only.

Terry Doerr asked about the permit verification of number of people attending event. Wil White reference section 410-413 which addresses attendance, private security, parking, traffic, parking management and event notification.

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.

Rick Grossman added that these proposed changes will make a good ordinance better.

Wil White noted that this public hearing is only for the outdoor sound systems and the next public hearing immediately following will address the nuisance gathering. Wil believes that the outdoor sound system and nuisance gathering are companion ordinances and that is another reason why the outdoor system is being moved to the Chapter 6 Conduct ordinance so they can be addressed in conjunction with each other.

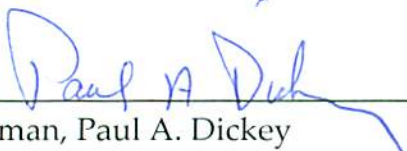
John Hines asked a question in regards to the parking issues and how are they addressed. Rick Grossman responded that this is being addressed during the permit application process and ordinance section 413 Traffic and Parking Management Plan. Rick Grossman and Wil White added that we do not enforce parking; we simply issue the permit and the requestor must have adequate parking available. If attendees park illegally the police can be called and addressed as a normal illegal issue.

Questions to Board of Supervisors – Warren Smith, Slippery Rock Township resident, asked how this is handled for farm auctions etc. Wil White indicated this is addressed in section 402 Shall Not Apply/Exemption: Nor shall this ordinance apply to the following: (3) temporary outdoor sound systems in conjunction with auctions, public safety, and political events


Wil White asked for any additional comments. None

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

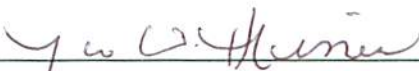
John Hines made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 8:27 p.m. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.




Chairman, Paul A. Dickey




Secretary



Vice-chairman, John W. Hines



Date approved



Supervisor, Terry L. Doerr