

Slippery Rock Township Supervisors

Public Hearing Minutes for: Chapter 2, Animals

4/22/19

Chairman Paul Dickey called the public hearing to order at 2:45 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors John Hines and Terry Doerr, Rick Grossman, planner, Wil White, solicitor and four members of the public.

Wil White announced the following:

1. This public hearing was advertised in legal section of Butler Eagle on 4/5/19 & 4/12/19, exhibit 1.
2. Anyone wishing to speak or give testimony please state your name and address for the record.
3. Court Stenographer swore in those who wished to speak or give testimony for the record.

Richard Grossman, township planner, gave the following testimony:

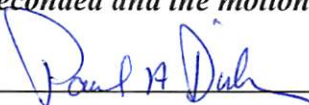
1. For several years the zoning office has been receiving complaints about animals that are not being properly confined to the owner's property.
2. A lot of the complaints have been about animals and/or poultry and the damage that has occurred on the neighbor's property.
3. This ordinance will clarify that the owner of the animal will be responsible to keep it contained to their property and if damage is done to another person's property that this will be considered a public nuisance if there are repeat occurrences it can be brought before the district magistrate for an enforcement of summary offense with a fine up to \$1,000.00 plus court costs.
4. There is a provision that if the owner of the animal has a valid defense (single occurrence) and the owner can demonstrate that the nuisance was due to a temporally disabled fence or other containment system they will be given a warning.
5. This ordinance does not address feral cats and/or wild animals.

Questions to Board of Supervisors – none

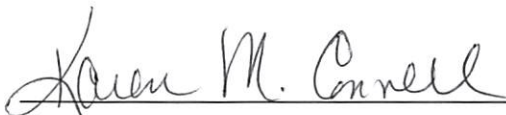
Open Comment(s) - none

Wil White explained the decision making process, and this has been advertise for adoption at a regular advertised supervisors meeting.

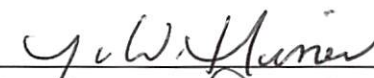
Paul Dickey made a motion to adjourn this public hearing adjourned at 2:55 p.m. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.




Chairman, Paul A. Dickey



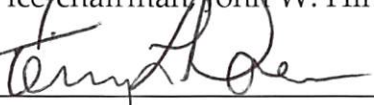
Secretary



Vice chairman, John W. Hines



Date approved



Supervisor, Terry L. Doerr