

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

November 9, 2021

IN-PERSON - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

Supervisors Present: Jim Nilsen, Tony Matzura, Jim Hopkins and Bill Ryker.

Also present: Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor) and Jason Wager (Township Manager).

Mr. Nilsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

An executive session was held prior to and after the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

Business

Springfield Township Comprehensive Plan Committee Appointments – Mr. Wager presented the Board with background information on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The purpose of these appointments is to create the Committee with members from our Boards, Commissions and Councils. EAC nominated Lorna Yearwood, Planning Commission nominated Dawn Nicholson, Bobb Carson and Brian Hague. The Historic Commission and Park and Land have not nominated a member yet. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Ryker will represent the Board of Supervisors. The Boards consensus was to move forward with the Committee as presented.

Meeting Room / Admin Area Project – The Boards consensus was to table this discussion.

Conditional Use Hearing

Solicitor, Scott MacNair, Esq., commenced the continued conditional use hearing. The hearing was held in person at the Springtown Fire Hall and made available via Zoom, telephone call and radio broadcast. The Applicant called Val Britton, owner of V.F. Britton Group, LLC and qualified him as an expert witness in the areas of hydrogeology, groundwater, groundwater movement and groundwater modeling. Mr. Britton presented his preliminary groundwater modeling report and testified concerning the anticipated effects of quarrying on the groundwater within the location of the southern and northern extraction areas. He provided testimony concerning the process that he pursued to develop the groundwater model. More specifically, he testified concerning specific considerations such as the permeability of the rock, whether there are faults or fractures, the topography, and related issues. Mr. Britton utilized a modeling code known as MODFLOW to perform a predictive simulation. Mr. Britton testified that the type of rock that is present is diabase. It is a very high-grade aggregate that does not transmit water well. This type of rock often results in perched wetlands on the surface. Mr. Britton also testified concerning the zone of influence and the impact to residential wells. Alex Bomstein, Esquire then cross-examined Mr. Britton concerning his preliminary groundwater modeling report.

The Board of Supervisors announced that the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 10:27 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Supervisor Comments

Mr. Hopkins advised that the Bucks County Planning Commission has the Transportation Feasibility Study meeting on November 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom.

Mr. Ryker reminded everyone that Santa Claus will be at the Springtown Fire Company on December 5, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Wager
Township Manager