

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

September 13, 2022

IN-PERSON - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no comment given.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

Solicitor, Scott MacNair, Esq., commenced the continued conditional use hearing. The hearing was held in person at the Springfield Township Building and made available via Zoom. Joseph Daly presented two witnesses, Amber Lagonegro and Frank Hollenbach. Ms. Lagonegro testified that she resides at 480 Mine Road, Quakertown, Pennsylvania. She moved there with her husband and two sons about four years ago. She started a cut flowers farming business on the property known as Rising Hills Farm. The Lagonegros chose this property based on its peaceful setting and the ability to farm. Ms. Lagonegro expressed concerns related to the impacts of the proposed quarry on her water supply and how a diminished water supply could detrimentally impact her business. She also expressed concerns related to dust and the impacts of dust settling on her flowers. Mr. Daly next called Frank Hollenbach. Mr. Hollenbach has resided in Springfield Township for almost 35 years. He is a board member of the Springfield Township Park and Land Preservation Board. Mr. Hollenbach provided testimony concerning the Saucon Valley Rail Trail. The Springfield Township portion was created to provide recreational activity in the western side of the Township. He also provided testimony concerning the Springfield Township Park and Recreation Plan 2013-2022. The Park and Recreation Plan includes trails as one of the three types of parks included in the Plan. Mr. Hollenbach identified the Saucon Rail Trail as a linear park and provided testimony concerning rules and regulation associated with use of the trail. He also provided testimony concerning wetland areas surrounding the rail trail and stormwater facilities near the rail trail.

The Board of Supervisors announced that the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 10:51 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment given.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Ryker, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Gerhart
Secretary