

**TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

CALL TO ORDER

The April 23, 2013 Public Hearing of the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman E. Christopher Abruzzo.

ROLL CALL

Supervisors Present:

E. Christopher Abruzzo, Chairman - *present*
Sandy A. Ballard - *present by phone*
Kelly C. Fedeli, Vice-Chairman - *present*
John Foley, Jr. - *present*
Marc A. Moyer, Secretary - *present*

Also Present:

Charles E. Emerick, Director of Community Development
Jill E. Henry, Assistant Township Manager
James N. Negley, Township Manager/Township Treasurer
Jon Yost, Solicitor
Brenda Van Deursen, Recorder

Public Present: Lee Freeman, Betsy Ruth, Ed Ruth, Bob Shellhorn, Rich Gamble, Matt Weir, John Dunn

NEW BUSINESS:

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment regarding proposed Ordinance No. 629 to amend Chapter 225 (Zoning) of the Code of the Township of Derry regarding outdoor storage of junk and vehicles.

Charles Emerick –Director of Community Development – The amendment will modernize and clarify the requirements for outdoor storage of junk and vehicles, and to enhance enforcement capabilities. Amendments to Chapter 225 (Zoning) included adding definitions to Junk, Vehicle Junk, Vehicle Recreation Activity, and Vehicle Utility. It also added a new definition for junkyard, redefined unenclosed storage regarding garage sales, outdoor storage, storage of junk vehicles and outside storage for recreational activity vehicles. In addition, it pertains to outdoor storage of recreational activity vehicles and utility vehicles.

The Dauphin County Planning Commission is deadlocked in its support of the proposed zoning amendments updating and clarifying the requirements for outdoor storage of junk and vehicles, in particular parking of recreational vehicles. Our Planning Commission also addressed the parking of recreational vehicles. Mr. Emerick said they are valid comments and he proposed revising the language that the vehicle is to be placed behind the front face of the principal building.

Mr. Emerick recommended moving forward with the suggested changes made by our Planning Commission and the Dauphin County Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one came forward.

Vice-Chairman Fedeli said she would support the suggestions made by the Planning Commission. She shared that she owns a recreational vehicle, but it is not stored on her property. However, there is a difference if it poses a threat to the public community or if it is for aesthetic reasons.

The Board of Supervisors directed Mr. Emerick to revise the ordinance as recommended by the Dauphin County Planning Commission and the Derry Township Planning Commission.

MOTION: A motion was made by Chairman Abruzzo and seconded by Supervisor Foley that Mr. Emerick makes the recommended changes suggested by the Dauphin County Planning Commission and the Derry Township Planning Commission, is hereby approved. ***Motion carried, 5-0.***

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Abruzzo called for an adjournment. Supervisor Foley moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Fedeli seconded. ***Motion carried, 5-0.***

SUBMITTED BY:

Marc A. Moyer
Township Secretary

Brenda Van Deursen
Recording Secretary