

**TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman John W. Foley, Jr., called the September 27, 2016 Public Hearing of the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of the Township of Derry Municipal Complex, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA. A roll call was performed after the pledge of allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS

Marc A. Moyer, Chairman-*arrived @ 7:05*
John W. Foley, Jr., Vice Chairman
Justin C. Engle, Secretary
Matthew A. Weir
Susan M. Cort

ALSO PRESENT:

Matthew Mandia, Director of Parks and Recreation
Marie Sirkot, Administrative Assistant
Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development
Brandon Williams, Asst Director of Community Development
Jon A. Yost, Township Solicitor
Lauren Zumbrun, Economic Development Manager
Chris Brown, Derck & Edson
Benjamin Guthrie, Traffic Planning & Design
Julie Echterling, Recorder

Public in Attendance:

Dale Holte, Dennis Trout, Rae Ann Schell, Penny Dougherty, Trish Foster, Wendy O'Shea, Tony O'Shea, Shane and Kelly Fedeli, LeeAnn Weed, Don Sheatter, Eric Spangler, Jewel Hugh, Anne Searer, Sandy Ballard, Jay Ziegler, Dave Schvoll, Gay Nauve, Matt Kuhn, Herbert and Anne Reynolds, Stephen Novosel Jr., Phil Trudeau, Audrie Schaller, Genya Schaller, Julie Waldron, Kris England-Krieger, William Pavove, Mark Hackenburg and Charles Huth.

INTRODUCTION:

Vice Chairman Foley noted that Chairman Moyer was on his way from Pittsburgh and would be joining this meeting as soon as he arrived. He stated this is a public hearing regarding the proposed Township Official Map and the accompanying ordinance to add Chapter 126, entitled Official Map to the Code of the Township of Derry. The Board has received calls about this meeting and map and this is a work in progress and no action would be taken tonight.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Williams stated the Township received a Regional Connections Grant from Tri-County Planning Commission to complete an Official Map. The map is being presented in three parts. The first page identifies proposed street connections, intersection improvements, existing and proposed pedestrian trails, existing and proposed on-street bicycle lanes, sidewalk improvement corridors and future trailheads. The second part is the Parks and Open Space map, which show off-street trails, on-street bicycle paths and existing proposed parks and open spaces. The last map identifies existing floodplains, as well as flood and stormwater control projects that have been identified in various studies completed by the Township.

He stated the language of the Ordinance is consistent with the language of the Municipalities Planning Code which enables the Township to adopt the Official Map. He stated none of the improvements identified on the map are to be considered final locations of right-of-way. When a landowner submits a

**TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

permit application or land development plan proposing development, the Township would have one year to determine whether to pursue acquisition of the land for improvement. He spoke about the process involved with the Township in considering the proposal and/or acquisition of land.

He stated official maps are a beneficial planning tool for municipalities. The official map provides a legal basis for implementing recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan, which include providing for safety improvements to the Township roadway network. Dauphin County Planning and the Township Planning Commission both recommended adoption of the official map. He spoke about public outreach done for the official map. The map was posted on the website, and in the Township eNews and quarterly newsletters.

Mr. Emerick discussed some of the concerns expressed to him from the public about the map. He spoke about the resolution for a concern with Koons Park and the trail to Shank Park. He showed the Board the changes on the map that have been made based on public comments. He spoke about Middletown Road and the HRG study and the concern there is with traffic into a residential neighborhood. He spoke about another concern about those working on the plan. He stated both Mr. Williams and Mr. Guthrie are professionals and hold various licenses.

Mr. Brown spoke about the map with one inch being a mile and the scaling of the map. He spoke about the map being one of the tools for development keeping in mind other ordinances with stormwater regulations. Some of the proposed road improvements are years down the road where new innovations maybe available to change the proposed design of the roads.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jay Ziegler, Ziegler Auctions, expressed his disappointment with the map. He stated they have proposed a road through his property, which will hurt his property value since it has been posted on the internet. He can't believe they are proposing so much eminent domain for so many properties. He was upset about the public announcements about the meeting, which were flowery versus the purpose of the ordinance which is taking your property. He would like to see the ordinance changed. He believes there is a better way to do things versus the way the ordinance is written.

Mrs. Wendy O'Shea stated her property is the one with the pond and four acres. She said there is a line through her property now and she will send a letter tomorrow about the change in the line. She spoke about growing up on Lingle Road where this was done before with eminent domain.

Mr. Steve Hines asked about who would vote on this official map whether it would be the Board or the public. Vice Chairman Foley stated the Board would take action on the map, but not tonight.

Mr. Shane Fedeli, corner of Robin and Fishburn, spoke about stakeholder's ethics with this plan. He stated they should have sent letters to each person who is affected on this plan. He spoke about the impact on his neighbors who are in their eighties who will be required to put in the sidewalks. These sidewalks could cost a total of \$500,000. He spoke about how terrible the traffic on Fishburn is and the possibility of crossing the road with the sidewalks. He stated before we do all the bike paths and sidewalks, let's get the traffic around the Township versus through it.

**TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

Rae Ann Schell, Robin Road, spoke about all the accidents on Robin Road and Route 743. She spoke about her elderly parents who are doing all they can to pay the taxes let alone put in a sidewalk. She asked if they sell their house would this be on the deed. Mr. Brown spoke about an example with PennDOT and leverage with the official map. He stated the plan isn't about systematically going through and putting sidewalks in everywhere. He asked for comments and stated changes will be made. Supervisor Engle asked what is the trigger for putting in a sidewalk. Mr. Brown stated a land development plan where something proposed would encroach on the sidewalk like realigning a driveway. Supervisor Engle spoke about the Board's concern about the road.

Mrs. Penny Dougherty, 1632 Sandhill Road, spoke about driving work trucks on Sandhill where the bikers use the road not the bike paths. She spoke about the line on the map that goes right through the middle of her house. She found out about the meeting through her neighborhood watch. She stated she called the Township today about the meeting and was told to show up at 7 p.m. not 6 p.m. Supervisor Cort encouraged residents to sign up for the weekly email updates. Supervisor Foley stated this wouldn't be the last meeting and stated if someone doesn't speak out tonight they can reach out to the Board or Mr. Emerick.

Mrs. Ann Meadows, 226 Kruakus, asked about the Homestead corner. Mr. Emerick answered her question about her property which isn't affected.

Mr. Dennis Trout, Locust, stated he has lived at his house for 60 years. He stated residents should have received a letter for those properties affected by this map. He spoke about a property of his that was changed in where he wasn't notified by mail but it was in the paper. He stated there is a cloud over the property with this map. He sent his comments in on August 8th. He asked if Mr. Guthrie put his engineering seal on this map. Mr. Guthrie stated no as it is not an engineering document, but is a planning tool. He stated public safety should be the focus. He stated before we put any new roads, the bypass for Routes 322 and 283 should be built.

Mrs. Leann Weed, 1646 Sand Hill Road, said to take up their properties on their map would cost at least \$1,000,000 and she's not sure it is worth an intersection. She pointed to the map and the pond and discussed the terrible job the map does with topography. She stated the pond was dug because there are seven springs under it. She asked the timing. Mr. Brown spoke about the map being a changeable document, which could be updated and amended six months after it is approved if needed. He stated there is no timeline for the discussed property area.

Mr. Emerick stated if the Board would like to continue the hearing on another date. Chairman Foley stated this may need to take place on a date other than a meeting date. He encouraged the public to get on the mailing list.

Mrs. Audrey Shaller, South Pointe Drive, stated she is here with her son who are working on their Scout badge. She has been involved with public policy for years and the biggest change from 1991 (the last official map) and 2016 is the internet. She stated it is very easy to contact each person on the map and they should contact them.

**TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

Mr. Eric Spangler believes language should be taken out of Chapter 126 with the taking of property.

Mr. Emerick showed the audience how to access the website and to sign up for notices and alerts.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Foley continued this hearing to another date at 7:07 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Justin C. Engle
Township Secretary

Julie Echterling
Recorders