

SWATARA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

JUNE 8, 2016

The Swatara Township Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 7:15 PM at the Swatara Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Swatara, PA 17111.

Members of the Board present were: Commissioners Boudier, Chiavetta, Connolly, Milakovic, Moyer, Troxell, and Varner. Also present: Manager LeBlanc, Solicitor Wyland, Zoning Officer Hardman, and Secretary Rubinic.

Wyland: This is the time, date, and place set for the Public Hearing to review and receive public comment on a proposed Amendment to Chapter 253, Subdivision and Land Development, Article V, Improvement and Construction Requirements Subsection 253-32, Sidewalks, Walkways, and Bicycle Paths of the Code of Swatara Township to make general revisions and to add a provision for a fee to be offered in lieu of sidewalk installation.

Let the record show that Notice of this Hearing has been duly advertised as required by law. Also let the record reflect that copies of the proposed Ordinance were submitted to the Swatara Township Planning Commission and the Dauphin County Planning Commission, thirty (30) days prior to this hearing, also as required by law. The Swatara Township Planning Commission has considered the Ordinance amendment and returned it with its review. The Dauphin County Planning Commission similarly made a report with its recommendations and comments.

At this time I will call on Zoning Officer Janet Hardman to briefly explain and outline the proposed Ordinance. Then I will ask if there is any public input.

Hardman: The Sidewalk Amendment is requiring a "fee in lieu of" similar to what we do with recreation. If they [developers] do not want to install them, they can pay the fee in lieu of installation. This Ordinance will also allow a deferment agreement where before we just did notes and waivers.

Wyland: Are there any questions for Zoning Officer Hardman before I ask for public comment?

Moyer: This is the original document that we saw 30 days ago--there's no changes or edits done to it?

Hardman: No changes.

Wyland: Is there anyone public comment on this proposed Ordinance?

Spagnolo: Tony Spagnolo, 291 N. 50th Street--Who has the final decision of whether to put the sidewalks in or not?

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Hardman: The Planning Commission makes the recommendation to the Board and the Commissioners have the final vote.

Spagnolo: But if the developer does not want to put the sidewalks in--can he just say I'll take the in lieu?

Hardman: No, he doesn't make that decision. There is criteria that has to be met in order to be eligible for fee in lieu.

Wyland: The Board of Commissioners is the one--it can, if it wants to, it may grant the waiver upon request--it's not mandated to.

Wyland: Are there any other questions or comments?
Hearing none, I'll close the record and suggest to the Board that this Ordinance is ready for action.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:19 PM.



Dolores M. Rubinic, Township Secretary