APPROVED 09/08/2021

Board of Supervisors: Ronald Flatt, Chairman Philip Wulff, Vice Chairman Edward Latuska, Supervisor Robert Sloan, Supervisor Alan Smallwood, Supervisor



Anthony Amendolea, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Gallagher, Solicitor
David Heath, Engineer
John Nath, Building Code Official
Randall Brown, Zoning Officer

Center Township Board of Supervisors 110 Sunburst Court Hearing August 23, 2021 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ronald Flatt called the Sunburst Court Hearing, of the Center Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Unionville Volunteer Fire Company Firehall, 102 Mahood Road, Butler PA 16001.

ROLL CALL:

In addition to Chairman Flatt, present were Vice Chairman Philip Wulff; Supervisors Edward Latuska, Robert Sloan and Alan Smallwood; Township Solicitor Sean Gallagher; Township Secretary/Treasurer Anthony Amendolea; Zoning Officer, Randall Brown and Recording Secretary Cheryl Eckstein.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this public hearing is to determine whether the property located at 110 Sunburst Court (Center Township Map 060-S13-C15): (1) constitutes a public nuisance pursuant to Chapter 13, Article I, Section 13-102.L.7 of the Center Township Property Maintenance Ordinance; (2) is utilized for the unlawful accumulation of rubbish, grass weeds or other vegetation as prohibited by Section 13-103 of the Center Township Property Maintenance Ordinance; and (3) constitutes an infestation pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 13-102.F of the Center Township Property Maintenance Ordinance.

The notice for the public hearing was published in the Butler Eagle editions for Sunday, August 8, 2021 and Sunday, August 15, 2021. The property was posted on Monday, August 16, 2021.

PROPERTY OWNER COMMENTS: Ms. Patricia Johnson had no objections to the exhibits presented by Zoning Officer Brown. Ms. Johnson stated she should have seeked help sooner. She is concerned a contractor will remove certain plants. She stated that she has difficulty working with people. Ms. Johnson understands to contact Brown at the municipal office with any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. Mr. Matthew Daily, 109 Sunburst Court: Mr. Daily stated there are approximately twenty (20) children that walk along the sidewalk. He is concerned with the possibility of vermin and snakes on the property. Mr. Daily is concerned with safety.
- B. Mr. Donald Croll, 105 Sunburst Court: Mr. Croll stated property was not maintained for more than two (2) years. Property values are affected.
- C. Ms. Elaine George, 107 Covington Drive: Property maintenance has been lacking for years. Property values are affected. The property is affecting children.
- D. Mr. Gregory Seybert, 112 Sunburst Court: Mr. Seybert states he has lived in the neighborhood for nineteen (19) years. It is a dire situation which Ms, Johnson cannot do on

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- her own. The Board needs to resolve.
- E. Mr. Jeffrey Hesidenz, 101 Sunburst Court: Mr. Hesidenz stated Ms. Johnson is a great person. House and garage are filled with boxes.
- F. Mr. John McKindley, 107 Sunburst Court: Mr. McKindley states he has been a resident since 2007. His three (3) children walk the sidewalk. Help has been offered. Professional is needed to clear property.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

- A. Township Solicitor Gallagher stated the procedure would be presenting the case by Zoning Officer Brown, Ms. Patricia Johnson address the Board and the public would address the Board after being sworn in. Gallagher gave Ms. Johnson notice of contact person and phone number at the office. Gallagher informed Ms. Johnson that she has fifteen (15) days from Tuesday, August 24, 2021 to abate the nuisance.
- B. Zoning Officer Brown presented the following exhibits:

June 2, 2019	Complaint
May 25, 2021	Complaints received
May 26, 2021	Complaints received
June 1, 2021	First notification
June 17, 2021	Site visit
June 18, 2021	Certified mail returned
June 18, 2021	Second notice
June 26, 2021	Certified mail returned
June 29, 2021	Site visit
July, 12, 2021	Second site visit
July 14, 2021	Board authorized Zoning Officer to proceed
July 24, 2021	New complaint filed
August 16, 2021	Hearing notice posted and sent
August 16, 2021	Neighboring properties maintenance
	May 25, 2021 May 26, 2021 June 1, 2021 June 17, 2021 June 18, 2021 June 18, 2021 June 26, 2021 June 29, 2021 July, 12, 2021 July 14, 2021 July 24, 2021 August 16, 2021

- C. Flatt asked if she contacted the municipal office during her health concerns.
- D. Smallwood stated she could hire someone to clear property. Also, she could have contacted the office.
- E. Latuska sympathizes with her and the neighbors about the health and safety issues involved. He does not feel the situation will be corrected. Many years have elapsed.

Flatt motioned declaring the property at 110 Sunburst Court (Center Township Map 060-S13-C15) a public nuisance. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.

Flatt motioned authorizing the Township Solicitor Gallagher to prepare the Notice of Decision, Findings and Conclusion. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Sloan made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.

Anthony A. Amendolea Township Secretary/Treasurer	Ronald E. Flatt Chairman	
Phillip B. Wulff Vice Chairman	Edward G. Latuska Supervisor	
Robert M. Sloan Supervisor	Alan H. Smallwood Supervisor	