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Center Township Board of Supervisors

First United Methodist Church Conditional Use Hearing
December 8, 2014
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Kenneth Frenchak called the First United Methodist Church's Conditional Use Hearing, of the Center Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Center Township Municipal Building, 419 Sunset Drive, Butler PA 16001.

ROLL CALL:

In addition to Supervisor Frenchak, present were Chairman Edward Latuska; Vice Chairman Alan Smallwood; Supervisors Andrew Erie and Philip Wulff; Recording Secretary Cheryl Morris and Township Secretary/Treasurer Anthony Amendolea.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain public comment and testimony from the parties involved in the conditional use application filed by First United Methodist Church. The applicant proposes constructing a 13,400 square foot addition to the existing structure. The property is located at 1802 North Main Street Extension (Center Township Map 060-2F106-4B), Butler PA 16001. Chapter 20, Article IX, Section 20-904B of the Center Township Codification of Ordinances permits churches and other places of worship, including parish houses, educational buildings and parking as a conditional use in the "C-1", Retail and Service Commercial District.

Public notifications were mailed Friday, November 21, 2014 to all property owners within 300 feet. The Center Township Planning Commission recommended approval at their meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. The notice of the public hearing was published in the Butler Eagle editions of Sunday, November 23, 2014 and Sunday, November 30, 2014. The property was posted on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

APPLICANT COMMENTS:

Mr. Jonathan Garczewski, The Gateway Engineers, presented a site plan for the proposed project. They will maintain the current ingress/egress on North Main Street Extension (State Route 8) and Mercer Road (T-494). The addition and parking will be screened by heavy wooded vegetation to the rear. Parking increases from the current two hundred (200) spaces to three hundred eighty-five (385) spaces. Property will be purchased from Mr. John Wise for stormwater management.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Frenchak asked if they interacted with the neighbors about the project. The ingress/egress from Mercer Road (T-494) due to vehicles parking on both sides of the drive could hamper emergency responses.

ADJOURNMENT:

Frenchak motioned to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Wulff seconded. Motion carried.

Anthony A. Amendolea
Township Secretary/Treasurer

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