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Gateway Engineers, Engineer
Patrick Gauselmann, BCO/Zoning Officer

Center Township Board of Supervisors
Public Nuisance Hearing Minutes
March 6, 2019
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ronald Flatt called the Public Nuisance Hearing, of the Center Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 6:00 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 Supervisors Edward Latuska, Robert Sloan, Alan Smallwood; Recording Secretary Cheryl Eckstein; Building Code Official/Zoning Officer Patrick Gauselmann and Township Secretary/Treasurer Anthony Amendolea. Vice Chairman Philip Wulff was absent.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this public hearing is to determine the existence of a public nuisance at the property located at 531 Oneida Valley Road Butler, PA 16001 (Center Township Map Number 60-S9-C22). Property owner on record is Samuel J. Beck.

The notice of the public hearing was published in the Butler Eagle edition of Sunday, February 24, 2019.

PROPERTY OWNER COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. Mr. Walter McCall, 553 Oneida Valley Road: Mr. McCall stated there is gunfire, fireworks and loud music emanating from property at all times of the day. He notified the Pennsylvania State Police on several occasions. He spoke with Mr. Beck to inform him that he is liable for the actions of his friends. Garbage is horrendous and small trailers should be removed.
- B. Ms. Karen Reed, 547 Oneida Valley Road: Ms. Reed is concerned with the firing of guns at powder kegs. Individuals walk around her home at all times of the day. She is also concerned with the trailers.
- C. Mr. Jack Peterson, 543 Oneida Valley Road: Mr. Peterson is concerned with the firing of guns.
- D. Mr. William Chiappini, 529 Oneida Valley Road: Mr. Chiappini stated there are seven (7) to eight (8) vehicles that stop to make purchases. They drive through neighboring properties. The accumulated trash is being blown around by the wind.

- E. Mr. Terry Steffy, 538 Oneida Valley Road: Mr. Steffy is concerned with the firing of guns at night. He has contacted the Pennsylvania State Police. He requests the Township consider a noise ordinance to set hours.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- A. Latuska asked if there are regulations against firing a gun within a certain distance of an occupied building.
- B. Smallwood stated he grew up in the area and knew most of the individuals attending. Parents are keeping their children indoors due to the activity.
- C. Flatt stated the firing of firearms is in accordance with the Second Amendment. He questioned Ms. Reed, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Chiappini and Mr. Steffy if the accumulation of trash and/or debris was an issue.
- D. Gauselmann stated the overall issue is the accumulation of trash on the property. The trash needs to be abated. He will not go on the property again.
- E. Sloan commented that his neighbor works for Canadian National Railroad and is concerned with being shot at but was unaware of where the shots were coming from.

Smallwood motioned (1) to initiate action to contract with an authorized individual/company to remove the trash and/or debris from the property at 531 Oneida Valley Road (Center Township Map 060-S9-C22) and (2) removal of the trailers, if permitted, upon consultation with Township Solicitor Gallagher. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Sloan made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.

Anthony A. Amendolea
Township Secretary/Treasurer

Ronald E. Flatt
Chairman

Absent

Phillip B. Wulff
Vice Chairman

Edward G. Latuska
Supervisor

Robert M. Sloan
Supervisor

Alan H. Smallwood
Supervisor