WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING Special Meeting, January 15, 2024 - MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Office, 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania at 6:00 pm on Monday, January 15, 2024. This was an advertised meeting open to the public. Chairman David Dumeyer and Board members Edward Fisher, Kent Gardner, Robert Munro, and Barry Carter were present. Also in attendance were Township Manager Andrew Stern, Solicitor Josele Cleary, Finance Director Amy Slutter, Planning Director Lindsay Gerner, and Land Use Director Dwayne Steager.

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman David Dumeyer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment was provided.

C. CONDITIONAL USE APPEAL – SETTLEMENT OFFER, SBCC, IVY & STONY BATTERY.

1. Chairman Dumeyer explained that this special meeting of the Board of Supervisors is to hear a settlement proposal for a Conditional Use that the Board denied in April of 2023 after a public hearing. The applicant is SBCC. The properties are bounded by Ivy Drive and Stony Battery Road. After the Board denied this application, the applicants appealed the denial to the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas. Notwithstanding a settlement in this case, the court will decide if the denial will stand, or if it will be reversed, meaning the applicant could continue.

Chairman Dumeyer further explained that the Board will hear a presentation from the applicants and their team. The Board will then adjourn to executive session to discuss legal matters with our Township's Solicitor.

This meeting is not a hearing. There will not be party status, nor will there be formal testimony or questioning of witnesses. There will be brief minutes of the meeting, but not a stenographic record as would be the case for a hearing.

The Board will not be acting on this matter this evening. Any potential action will occur during a future public meeting.

2. Attorney Claudia Shank, Transportation Engineer Jared Neal, Civil Engineer Chris Vernarchick, and property owner Bill Murry presented their proposed settlement for this case. The team explained what changes they have made to address what they believed the Board's concerns to be.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dumeyer adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 pm. At that time an Executive Session was held with the Board members and Solicitor to discuss legal matters/pending litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Stern, Township Manager

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