

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Public Hearing
Monday, November 14th, 2016

The Summit Township Planning Commission Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Tim Will at 7:00 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag. Present were Board Members, Christian Green, Ronald McElderry, Tracey Colvin, and Joel Brennan. Also present were Engineer Matthew Jonas, Zoning Administrator Nathan Miller, Administrative Assistant Tamara Cass and 10 interested members of the public. Board Members Robert Perry, James Andrus and Charles Knight were absent from the hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

Matthew Jonas, of Summit Township was present on behalf of the Proposed Transportation Plan Amendment. Jonas explained the proposed plan consists of closing a portion of Footmill Road, running north and south between Robison Road and Zwilling Road, and the abandonment of that same portion of right-of-way. Jonas stated the proposed action of closing this particular section of Footmill road and vacating its right-of-way will accomplish one of the provisions of the host municipal agreement between Summit Township and Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.

PROPOSED
TRANSPORTATION
PLAN AMENDMENT

John Matkovich Jr., of 9043 Benjamin Road asked about the closing of the portion of Footmill Road and the straightening of Zwilling Road at its intersection with Footmill Road. Jonas stated it is his understanding that once this portion of the road is vacated that Waste Management will close it off to public travel and they will utilize it as an internal haul road. Also, Perry Highway Hose Company will be utilizing the portion of road next to their training grounds as a private access drive. Jonas noted that the railroad crossing will be removed and the adjacent railroad slopes in the area will be restored. Jonas went on to explain that waste management had given the township extra right-of-way within the last year in order to accommodate the straightening of Zwilling Road, however, to his knowledge no timeline has been established for that project. Mr. Matkovich stated that it was his understanding that those projects would be done at the same time along with a project to raise the grade of Zwilling Road at its intersection with Route 97. Jonas responded that he had no prior knowledge of any proposed project to raise the grade of Zwilling Road at its intersection with Route 97, and the supervisors have never tied the straightening of Zwilling Road project to the proposed abandonment of the Footmill Road right-of-way.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jess Learn, of 8444 Footmill Road was concerned about what portion of Footmill Road will be closed and if will affect his property. Jonas confirmed that only the portion of the road between Robison and Zwilling will be closed, therefore it will not affect his property.

With no further public input, motion by Green, seconded by McElderry, to close the public hearing at 7:10pm
Vote:5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Cass
Administrative Assistant
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