

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Public Hearing

June 3, 2019

Chairman Welka called a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag. Supervisors Lee and Davis were present, as were, Solicitor Tim Sennett, Zoning Officer Miller, Engineer Jonas, Secretary Yeast, and four interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Welka explained that the purpose of this hearing is to receive public input regarding proposed changes to the Summit Township Sidewalk Ordinance.

PURPOSE OF
HEARING:
Sidewalk Ordinance

Engineer Jonas explained that the only change is to the bonding amount and the manner in which it is measured. The bond fee amounts will be completely removed from the Ordinance and added as a separate exhibit adopted by resolution. The bonds will be increased to \$50 per foot and \$3,000 per ADA ramp. This allows the Board of Supervisors to change these fees from time to time without going through the ordinance process. In addition, the bond will be based on the linear feet of the centerline of the proposed sidewalk as opposed to the property frontage, which has been required in the past.

There was no public input regarding the proposed Sidewalk Ordinance changes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Engineer Jonas explained that as a result of the MS-4 Permit and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Erie County Conservation District, and an intention to correct typographical errors; the Summit Township Stormwater Ordinance requires multiple amendments. Engineer Jonas displayed each amendment on the overhead screen and explained the changes. Engineer Jonas further explained that this process is to “repeal and replace” Ordinance #2012-04 with 2019-05.

Mike Pace, 770 Townhall Road W., questioned the riparian buffer setback requirements, and how to maintain a stream if it is becoming overgrown. Can debris be removed? Engineer Jonas responded that the flow path can be cleared of vegetation, but not the root system. Engineer Jonas added that the proposed ordinance mirrors current Pennsylvania law. In the event that more extensive clearing is desired, a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would be required.

PUBLIC INPUT

With no further input, Motion by Lee, seconded by Davis to adjourn the hearing at 6:28 p.m.

HEARING CLOSED

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast
Recording Secretary
6/6/2019