

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Public Hearing

June 6, 2022

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 Davis, Lee and Welka were present, as were, Solicitor Wachter, Engineer Jonas, Zoning Administrator Cass, Secretary Vallimont, and nineteen interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Welka explained that the purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment for the purpose of adopting Ordinance #2022-02, the Summit Township Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Solicitor Wachter gave a summary of the ordinance.

PURPOSE OF HEARING:

Ronald McElderry is opposed to STR's in residential areas, supports passing the ordinance. Michael Lewis is opposed to STR's, citing PA Supreme Court decision, and questioning how any STR's are allowed in residential neighborhoods. Kathy Noce is considering purchasing a home in Summit and does not want to live near STR's. Tammy Altsman asked the supervisors to preserve neighborhoods and opposes STR's. Lori Polanski is concerned about enforcement on nights and weekends. Lori Hirtzel thanked the supervisors for considering this ordinance and questioned why the LDP is proceeding. Jim Chojnacki stated that the supervisors should be accessible to these residents incase of an emergency or disturbance at the STR. J. Lee stated that all the supervisors' cell phone numbers is available – on business cards located in the lobby, in the quarterly newsletter, on the website and on the annual calendar.

PUBLIC INPUT

Solicitor Wachter explained that the township does not have a police department and that the supervisors have worked to make this the most restrictive ordinance in PA. The township is not able to stop what currently legally exists. With no further discussion, motion by Lee, second by Davis, to adjourn the hearing at 6:51 p.m.
Vote: 3/0

HEARING CLOSED

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Vallimont
Municipal Secretary