

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 2, 2014

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A Public Hearing of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, held at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Thomas L. Mehaffie III.

Roll call was taken with the following officials in attendance:

- Thomas L. Mehaffie III, President
- Jon G. Wilt, Vice President
- Laddie J. Springer, Secretary
- Michael J. Davies, Commissioner
- Dominic D. DiFrancesco II, Commissioner
- Samuel Monticello, Township Manager
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Erin Letavic, HRG, Township Engineer
- Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SIGN-IN SHEET

Solicitor Henninger reported that the purpose of this evening's Public Hearing is to receive public comment on a petition of interested citizens to vacate portions of Dauphin Street and vacate and relocate portions of Lawrence Street, along with a supplemental petition.

Pursuant to law, the Township is required to give ten days written notice of the public hearing to all affected property owners (owners of properties touching the proposed roads to be vacated). These owners include the petitioner, Lawrence Street Partners, and Penn State University. Solicitor Henninger noted that the notices, along with copies of the petitions and exhibits, were mailed out of his office on March 21, thus meeting the requirement. The proposed ordinance was properly advertised seven days in advance of tonight's meeting. Solicitor Henninger then turned over the floor to the petitioner.

Ambrose Heinz from Stevens and Lee, representing the petitioner, Campus Heights Associates II, stated that this petitioner has been substituted for the original petitioners that were included on this

petition back when it was filed in September. This petitioner now owns record titles to all properties that are adjacent to the areas to be vacated with the exception of the Pennsylvania State University property and the Lawrence Street Partners property to the south. Attorney Heinz stated that he would like to submit, as part of the official record, an indexed binder of several documents. The documents include the Original Petition (submitted 9/26, 13), Supplement to Petition (submitted on 3/18/14), Revised Draft Ordinance (submitted 3/19/14), Notice of Hearing to Affected Owners, Published Notice of Ordinance Adoption, Sheet SL-1 of Campus Heights Village II Approved Land Development Plan, and Developer's Agreement.

President Mehaffie opened the floor for public comments. There was no comment from the public.

President Mehaffie inquired if the Board had any questions or comments.

Commissioner Davies asked if the radius of the intersection in the vicinity of West High Street and the relocated section of Lawrence Street had been addressed to the satisfaction of the engineer. Ms. Letavic confirmed that this issue was worked through back in the fall. She noted that as the plan stands, it is correct. Attorney Heinz added that the Gina Lane connection is still a possibility, although there is nothing formal at this point in time stating the Lawrence Street Partners wants to make the connection. Solicitor Henninger stated that this issue is covered in the Developer's Agreement. If the opportunity arises, the Gina Lane connection will be made under the Agreement.

CLOSE:

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 P.M.

ATTEST:

Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

