

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARING – MARCH 18, 2015

#### 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. President Mehaffie called for the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Solicitor Henninger stated that Vice President Wilt will be participating in tonight's meeting via telephone, as permitted under the laws of the Commonwealth. Vice President Wilt will be required to provide a password that he and Solicitor Henninger had previously set up. Once he confirms the password with Solicitor Henninger, he will be able to fully participate in the meeting. Solicitor Henninger phoned Vice President Wilt, and asked him for the password. The password was confirmed, and Solicitor Henninger stated that based on confirmation of the password, the phone number that he dialed, and his recognition of Vice President Wilt's voice, it is his opinion that Vice President Wilt is now able to fully participate and vote on matters that come before the Board this evening. Roll call was taken with the following officials in attendance:

- Thomas L. Mehaffie III, President
- Jon G. Wilt, Vice President (via telephone)
- Laddie J. Springer, Secretary
- Michael J. Davies, Commissioner
- Samuel D. Monticello, Manager
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Erin G. Letavic, HRG, Engineer
- Robert S. Greene, Planning and Zoning Coordinator
- Richard Brandt, Police Chief
- Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

Absent:

- Dominic D. DiFrancesco, Commissioner

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 proposed ordinance which would amend the Code of Ordinances, No. 448 as amended and supplemented, Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 23, Signs, §2303 Incidental Signs, to add a new part "O" for regulating and permitting recreational facility signs, banners and logos. As required by the municipal planning code, this proposed ordinance was reviewed by both the Dauphin County Planning Commission and the Lower Swatara Township Planning Commission, both of which recommended adoption. The notice of the Public Hearing and the proposed adoption of the ordinance were advertised twice in the Middletown Press & Journal. Solicitor Henninger explained that the proposed ordinance would basically add a section to permit recreational signs, logos, and banners. This would allow the athletic groups to sell advertising at the ballfields to help defer increasing expenses. The present ordinance does not allow this.

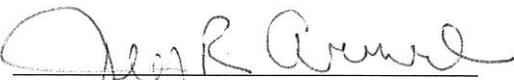
President Mehaffie opened the floor for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CLOSE:

Hearing no questions or comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Springer, to close the Public Hearing. The motion was unanimously approved, and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

