

April 28, 2009
Public Hearing

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held the first of two (2) Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. This Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding proposed *Rules & Regulations for Greene Township Park*.

Present:

Charles D. Jamison, Jr.
Todd E. Burns
Glenn O. Shetter
Welton J. Fischer

Travis Brookens
Daniel Bachman
Diann Weller
Gregory Lambert

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:00 P. M..

The Chairman turned the Public Hearing over to the Township Solicitor for explanation. The Solicitor stated a set of Rules and Regulations had been developed for any persons using the (Township) Park. He briefly reviewed the proposed Ordinance which includes the following Sections: 1. Legislative Findings; 2. Hours of Use; 3. Limited Use of Vehicles, Motorized or Self-Propelled; 4. Animals; 5. Possession of Fireworks, Firearms and Other Weapons Prohibited; 6. Park To Be Kept Free of Rubbish; 7. Vandalism, Possession of Flowers and Shrubs; 8. Mutilation of Park Notices; 9. Alcoholic Beverages; 10. Injury to Property; 11. Advertising/Conducting Business; 12. Noise; 13. Parking; 14. Camping and Fires; 15. Public Convenience Station; 16. Reservation of Park Pavilion; 17. Use of Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts; 18. Personal Conduct; 19. Adult Baseball Field; 20. Softball/Little League Field (Reserved); 21. Reservation of Park Facilities; 22. Permit Required for Organized Gathering; 23. Rules Enforcement; 24. Penalty for Violation of Park Rules. The Solicitor stated these Rules were taken from sample rules of other municipalities throughout the State that might apply to Greene Township's situation. Mrs. Rose Fiskett, resident and neighbor to the Park property, inquired as to how the Township intended to allow them to get to their residence through the Park and what happens if someone is coming to visit them with gun or alcohol in their car and traveling through the Park and would be in violation of the proposed rules. The Chairman stated the Fisketts would not have a problem accessing their property and if company coming to their home were to travel through the Park and were stopped by any enforcing person/agency, they would only need to indicate they were traveling to the Fiskett residence. Mrs. Fiskett stated her only access is through the Park property but the Chairman stated that was not the only access the Fisketts had to their property. Supervisor Burns noted there are two (2) entrances to the Park; one off Elevator Street and the second off Route 997 (Black Gap Road) and noted the access of the Fisketts is not to be intended to be used as an access to the Park. Mrs. Fiskett asked if it was the Township's intention to have the Fisketts use 997 as their access and the Chairman stated 'no'. Mrs. Fiskett asked who would be the Park Manager and the Chairman stated the Supervisors at this time. Mrs. Fiskett referenced the Section of the proposed Rules and Regulations briefed by the Solicitor regarding enforcement and voiced concern that if her guests were carrying alcohol while coming to visit them and were stopped, they could be taken immediately before

the Magistrate and fined. The Chairman again noted that in that instance, the person(s) would note their intention of visiting the Fisketts. Mrs. Fiskett asked if there was a “pooper scooper” law for the Park and the Chairman stated ‘yes’, the animal owner would be responsible for their animal. Mrs. Fiskett asked how the Township intended to delineate the Fiskett property and the Chairman stated that is being done by the Fisketts already by posting (their property), and, also, it was discussed long ago of having a fence installed. Mrs. Fiskett noted the section on radio noise and asked if they would apply to them on their private property. The Chairman stated the Park Rules would not apply to their private property regarding radio noise, *however*, the Township’s Noise Ordinance would be enforceable, if applicable. The noise as noted in the Park Rules applies to the Park property and users of the Park. Mrs. Fiskett asked if the Township intended to gate the road and the Chairman stated ‘yes, at the barn’. Mrs. Fiskett asked that if the Township were to gate the property, would that restrict their trash collection at their house. The Chairman stated the Fisketts would utilize trash collection as they do presently. The Solicitor interjected the proposed Park Rules and Regulations are enforceable by law and has to be done by ordinance and holding a public hearing which is what is happening at this time. Mrs. Fiskett asked how they would know if there are changes made to the Rules and the Solicitor stated it would have to be done public and could not be done any other way. Mrs. Fiskett had no other questions/concerns at this time.

Ms. Pamela Kolsun, 1015 Elevator Street, also resident and neighbor to the Park property, asked how the Township would curb dog activities, no smoking, etc; would it be done by posting notices and would they only be posted at the Park entrance or throughout the Park. The Chairman stated notices would be posted throughout the Park plus there will be stations at trails, etc for bags (for animal waste disposal). Ms. Kolsun asked if the Township would be taking advantage of any clubs, organizations, etc to plant (shrubs, etc) in the Park. Supervisor Burns stated ‘yes’ and that organizations have already expressed an interest in assisting with planting, landscaping, etc. The Chairman informed Ms. Kolsun that if she knew of anyone who wished to help, to have them contact the Supervisors. There being no further comment from the public, the Chairman asked if any Board Member or staff had any comment to offer; Supervisor Burns stated this was at least a good place to start. The Chairman further noted this was a starting point and the Rules may be adjusted accordingly as time passes.

Following review and discussion of the proposed *Rules and Regulations for Greene Township Park*, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Glenn O. Shetter, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted the *Rules and Regulations for Greene Township Park*, identified as Township **Ordinance No. 2009-2** be passed as presented.

There being no further business before the Board regarding this Public Hearing, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:20 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary