

April 28, 2009  
Public Hearing

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held the second of two (2) Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding proposed Amendment to the Township Sign Ordinance.

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 7:20 P. M..

The Chairman turned the Hearing over to the Township Solicitor to continue. The Solicitor noted that for years there has been signage along fences where persons who have made contributions have been permitted to put a sign on the fence, particularly at ball fields; said contributions being given to help construct and finance fields, etc. He noted numerous scoreboards in the area with such signage and the Township Zoning Ordinance had no provisions for that. He further noted three (3) flag poles and scoreboard at the Township Park that have been financed through contributions. The Township felt it appropriate to enact an ordinance to cover such signage and especially since the Township wished to display on their Park scoreboard contributions given by both individuals and/or businesses. The Solicitor noted this amendment is limited to this action only.

Ms. Pamela Kolsun, resident and neighbor to the Township Park, inquired if there were signs at the Borough's Municipal Park and the Solicitor did not believe so but was not entirely sure. He did note, however, that he believed there were "advertising" type signage at both the (Chambersburg) High School and other ball fields. Ms. Kolsun stated her concern is that the Park is a community park. The Solicitor stated the Township's intent was not to have signage placed on fences noting that too many signs (due to weight) cause damage due to high winds, etc. He stated that no taxpayer dollars were used to put the poles up at the Park; he noted that both the scoreboard and flag poles have been fully paid for by private donations. The Solicitor stated that names will be permitted on the scoreboard of only those persons who have contributed; wanted ordinance to have limited circumstances based only on someone who has contributed and not general advertising. Ms. Kolsun stated it would be nice if a plaque were placed at the poles recognizing those persons who contributed. The Solicitor stated he is very proud of the community's reaction to match a challenge for the cost of the scoreboard. The Board again thanked the Solicitor for his personal endeavors and hard work in procuring the funding of the scoreboard and flag poles.

Following review and discussion of the proposed amendment to the Sign Ordinance, on a motion by Glenn O. Shetter, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted that Township **Ordinance No. 2009-3**, amendment to the Sign Ordinance, be approved as presented.

There being no further business before the Board for this Public Hearing, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:29 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary