

January 12, 2016
Scotland, PA 17254
Public Hearing

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held one (1) Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding Amendments to Chapters 85, Sidewalks and Driveways, and Chapter 105, Definition of Structure, of the Greene Township Code.

Present:

Todd E. Burns
Travis L. Brookens
Shawn M. Corwell

Gregory Lambert
Daniel Bachman
Diann Weller
Welton J. Fischer

There were no visitors at this Public Hearing.

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

The Zoning Officer stated there were several amendments that needed to be made to Chapter 85 of the Township Code regarding sidewalks. Currently, Chapter 85 of the Code requires sidewalks for every subdivision of land, whether one or few lots or many lots and the Township has been receiving numerous requests for waiver of sidewalks; this proposed amendment would require sidewalks in residential developments if the total number of dwelling units would exceed three. Also, Chapter 85 requires that driveways be restricted to one per dwelling unit; this proposed amendment would still only allow one driveway entrance per street frontage, however, an additional driveway access may be permitted in instances where the subject lot has greater than 600 linear feet of single road frontage. Chapter 105 would include a proposed amendment for clarification of the definition of *structure*. The ZO stated he had forwarded copies of the proposed amendments to Franklin County Planning Commission for their review and comments but none were received by the Township. Copies were also forwarded to the Township Planning Commission and were reviewed at their December 2015 meeting and they recommended approval as they were presented. The ZO also stated the proposed amendments were advertised in the Public Opinion and the Proof of Publication has been received. Supervisor Brookens asked if in the structure definition that carports was part of storage facilities and the Solicitor stated a comma was missing between the two words and would make that correction and forward a corrected copy to the Township Secretary. Supervisor Brookens also inquired as to the parentheses after storage facilities and the Solicitor explained the reason they were to be included. Both Supervisors Corwell and Brookens inquired as to patios with or without walls and what constituted the need for a land use permit. The Solicitor explained that a patio with nothing around it is not considered a structure but if a wall or something similar is constructed around it, then it would be considered a structure and would require a land use permit. Following review and discussion, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Township ***Ordinance No. 2016-1*** as presented.

The Chairman adjourned the Public Hearing at approximately 7:08 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary