

July 27, 2010  
Scotland, PA 17254  
Public Hearing (#3)

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held the third of five (5) Public Hearings on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding a proposed new ordinance to be identified as “*Geothermal Wells*”.

Present:

Charles D. Jamison, Jr.  
Todd E. Burns  
Travis L. Brookens  
Welton J. Fischer

Daniel Bachman  
Gregory Lambert  
Andrew Paszkowski  
Diann Weller

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:05 P. M..

The Chairman asked the Township Solicitor to proceed. The Solicitor explained that presently the Township Code does not reference geothermal wells and in the past few years, there have been several persons that have been involved with this type of well, therefore, the Board desired to add an amendment regarding ‘geothermal wells’. The Solicitor then asked the Township Planner to proceed. The Planner stated that due to the increased interest in alternative energy measures, the Board desired to make provisions for same. He stated a geothermal well can be installed within a regular existing well or a ‘bore hole’. This ordinance would deal with the process for governing the well and has guidelines provided by PSATS (PA State Association of Township Supervisors). This ordinance would be included in the water ordinance; setback requirements must still be met for the ‘hole’ as well as the regular well with the contractor responsible for drilling the well will fulfill this on behalf of the property owner.

There were no further comments offered by the Board. Mr. Tom Martin, Township resident, asked that if he was interested in having this type of work done, would he come to the Township (offices) with his contractor to obtain a permit and was informed that was correct. There were no further comments or questions by those in attendance at this Public Hearing.

Following presentation by the Township Solicitor and review by the Board, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Township **Ordinance No. 2010-5** amending the Township Code to include geothermal wells, as presented.

There being no further business before the Board regarding this Public Hearing, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:10 P. M..

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary