

January 13, 2015  
Scotland, PA 17254  
Public Hearing

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding vacating a portion of Pine Stump Road (T-613).

Present:

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

Daniel Bachman  
Diann Weller  
Welton J. Fischer

Visitors: See list

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

The Chairman asked the Township Solicitor to present the matter before the Board and explain the reason for this Public Hearing. The Solicitor stated there was a small portion of Pine Stump Road between Routes 11 and 997 the Township was willing to give back to the adjacent property owner. Mr. Steve Wolfe in the audience wished to ask a question on details of the vacation and was not for or against and was not sure whether it should be offered now or at a later time. The Township Solicitor directed the Board to continue with the proposed ordinance and then proceed later with Mr. Wolfe's question. Supervisor Brookens stated that Board Members were familiar with the location and noted the road was mainly used to circumvent the traffic signal. The Township has been concerned with safety issues and in discussion with the property owner, he (owner) can better serve his restaurant, safety will be improved, and felt it would be in the best interest of the Township to approve the ordinance. The Chairman felt it was a "win-win" for both parties. Resident Glenn Shetter in attendance at this Meeting and having previously been employed by the Township, noted to the Board this would eliminate two dangerous intersections to plow snow. Following review and consideration by the Board, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted the Township adopt **Ordinance No. 2015-1** to vacate a portion of Pine Stump Road (T-613) as presented.

The Township Solicitor then noted a question concerning the Agreement to vacate this portion of roadway stating there was a provision in the Agreement to block off the entrance to that section from Route 11 and that may be part of Mr. Wolfe's question and discussion could ensue at this time. Mr. Wolfe stated that he as well as the property owner (who appeared in person at this Meeting) wanted to see the vacation occur as safely as possible. He stated that persons (vehicular traffic) approach this area and do not slow down and have probably been doing so habitually for quite some time and those persons may not be aware of the action being taken. He stated that neither he nor the owner have "Road Closed" signs, barricades, etc and would hope to work with the Township to obtain help to make the transition easily visible not only nearer the area but also some distance on Route 11, perhaps reflective or something to be seen from a distance to warn motorists of the closing. He further noted there

should also be something from the other direction to show the same. He and the property owner would deeply appreciate any cooperation from the Township. The Chairman stated he did not think it would be any kind of issue to assist in this manner because safety of the motorists is first and foremost. It is a habitual route of travel and he understands the change would be dangerous and there should be plenty of notice given to allow time for motorists to be aware this is no longer a public access and the Township can certainly work together. He recommend Mr. Wolfe contact the Township Engineer and coordinate something with him. Mr. Wolfe noted the Chairman's recommendation and appreciated very much the shared concerns of safety. Mr. Wolfe inquired if the property owner would be receiving a deed or similar document. The Township Solicitor informed Mr. Wolfe the Township does not possess a "deed" for the roadway and that by the Township vacating this portion, the Township gives up the right to use as a right-of-way and by law it reverts to the property owner, but the Township will require a deed or similar document to show that it (former portion of Township roadway) is theirs (property owner).

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary