

Lewis Township Supervisors
Special Meeting
September 24, 2020

The Lewis Township Special Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 6:00 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisors Ricky Dyer and Thomas J Marshall, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Planning Commission Members, Charles Axtman, Todd Bixler, Bruce Zettlemyer and Douglas Potter and three guests.

Chairman Willard Murray announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a legal matter.

The purpose of the special meeting was to have a discussion with the Lewis Township Planning Commission in regards to the recommendations that they had submitted in relation to the Zoning Ordinance map particularly the area of Commercial Zoning that was recommended to be changed to Rural Residential.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse, a property owner along State Route 54 between Turbotville Borough and Warrior Run Blvd. asked that the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission to please take into serious consideration the placement of properties in the Commercial Zoning District. Brian, along with many neighbors do not feel all the homes, smaller properties, should be included in Commercial Zoning due to it being a more residential area.

Chairman Willard Murray initiated discussion of the recommendations submitted by the Planning Commission by asking what their reasoning was behind changing portions of the Commercial Zoning to Rural Residential in the area along Comley Road, Beaver Run Road and Old State Road. Planning Commission Chairman Charles Axtman was suggested to provide a buffer between the Commercial and Agriculture Districts. Chairman Murray suggested that the portion along Comley Road be Agriculture since it is right there and there are farms located in that area.

There was also discussion about the area zoned Commercial along the State Route 54 corridor to Susquehanna Trail. There was agreement that this area should remain Commercial to provide an area where economic growth would be able to develop and also because of the potential of that growth to occur due to the CSVT project and hints of development at exit 5. The Supervisors feel that it should remain for the time being.

There was also discussion of an area in the Agriculture Zoning District from Hockley Hill Road, out Showers Road to Huffman Lane and also down to Wertman School Road, that was recommended to be changed to Rural Residential due to many residential homes in that area.

Eric Staman asked if the area on Old State Road near the railroad tracks was still recommended to be Rural Residential and the answer was yes. Eric was positive that if it is changed to Rural Residential it will sell within a short period of time.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary