WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING 185 MANORS ROAD ELIZABETHVILLE, PA 17023

PUBLIC HEARING November 12, 2020

Landowner Curative Amendment Application Keith A. Hill, DBA Integrative Green Solutions, Inc.

The public hearing of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held at the municipal building on November 12, 2020, beginning 7:00 PM.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman, Benjamin Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Board Members Present

Board Member Absent
Kevin Stadheim

Benjamin Brown Glenn Stoneroad Cynthia Stout Gerald Lettich

Administrators and Others Present

Donna Sitlinger- Board Secretary Joseph Kerwin, Esq. – Board Solicitor Keith A. Hill – Applicant

Donald Karpowich, PC – Applicants Attorney

John R. Varaly, AICP - Professional Land Use Planning Consultant

Charles Yourshaw – Professional Engineer for Applicant

Citizens: Approximately 43

The proceedings were recorded by court reporter, Diane Foltz, of which a transcript of the public hearing can be obtained for a cost.

Open Public Hearing

Chairman, Benjamin Brown opened the public hearing.

Introduction

Solicitor Kerwin introduced the application submitted by Keith A. Hill, DBA Integrative Green Solutions, Inc. The applicant filed a landowner curative amendment, claiming that the Washington Township Zoning Ordinance lacks a reasonable amount of land classified as LI, Light Industrial to accommodate reasonable development and growth of industrial uses within Washington Township. The property of which is the subject of the application is located at 4001 State Route 225, Elizabethville, PA 17023 and is identified as tax parcel 66-012-161. The applicant is asking to amend the official zoning map to change the zoning district of the tax parcel from R-2 Residential District (Medium High Density) to LI Industrial District (Light Industrial) in order to construct an animal food processing facility. Solicitor Kerwin advised no decision on this matter will be made this evening and will be considered during the Supervisors, November 17, 2020 meeting.

Presentation of Applicants Case

On behalf of the applicant, Attorney Donald Karpowich introduced himself and called the following witnesses to provide testimony for the applicant:

- Charles Yourshaw, Professional Engineer
- John Varaly, AICP, Professional Land Use Planning Consultant.

Public Questions and Testimony

Solicitor Kerwin opened the floor for public comments:

Public comments and questions concerning the application were presented by the following individuals. Charles Yourshaw, John Varaly and Keith Hill responded.

- Tracey Adams, Township Resident
- Patty Smith, Rock the Capital
- Anthony Matter, Township Resident
- John Laskowski, Township Resident
- Tony Willier, Township Resident
- Rick Stence, Township Resident
- Paul Nice, Borough Resident
- Ron Heim, Borough Resident
- Jake Nice, Borough Resident
- JC Kell, Township Resident
- Chris Kocher, Township Resident
- Kathy Stence, Township Resident

Upon conclusion of public comments and questions, the majority of individuals providing comments and questions expressed opposition to the proposed location, with a minority expressing their support to the proposed land development. With no more comments presented, Solicitor Kerwin turned the hearing back to Chairman, Benjamin Brown.

Board of Supervisors Comments

Chairman, Benjamin Brown asked the Supervisors if they had any comments, with no response.

Adjournment

With no further testimony, a motion was made by Supt. Lettich to adjourn the public hearing, second by Supr. Stout. Hearing Adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sitlinger

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Secretary