

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING And Hearing July 3, 2007

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rice, Russ Ottney, Dave Szakelyhidi, Jeff Smith, Gary Habsburg, Chuck Beighey, Harold Herr, and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. Lawrence
 Wade
 Donald Spivey
 Don Beighey
 Doug J. [unclear]
 Fred White
 [unclear]
 [unclear]
 Paul [unclear]
 AIDAN FABIAN
 Mark [unclear]
 Dennis [unclear]
 Mary [unclear]
 [unclear]
 [unclear]
 [unclear]
 Dione Brennan
 Audrey Budny
 [unclear]

Frank & [unclear]
 Jordan [unclear]
 [unclear]
 [unclear]
 Bob B. [unclear]
 Carolyn Mayer
 [unclear]
 David [unclear]

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HEARING: The Hearing to hear public comments on an ordinance revising the flood plain was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Jeff Smith, Council President explained the changes to chapter 8 of the Flood Plain Ordinance stating that a developer cannot raise the flood plain more than 12". The change would be to lower the flood plain from 12" to 4".

Maureen Sweeney spoke on behalf TCDR. She brought to Council's attention section 508 of the municipalities Planning Code. "Once approval has been granted to a development, no subsequent change or amendment in the zoning subdivision or other governing ordinance or plan shall be applied to affect adversely the right of the applicant to commence and to complete any aspect of the approved development in accordance with the terms of such approval within five years from such approval. Ms Sweeney stated that if someone is trying to stop Creekside Manor they are in the development rights and any changes to the flood plain Ordinance cannot be retroactively applied to their development.

Bob Budney Addressed Ms. Sweeney stating that they were not trying to stop Creekside but that they should build the plan according to the rules and laws.

John Ruch stated that he had tried to view the ordinance before the meeting but it wasn't in the Borough Office. He also stated that they don't have approval as they never went to the Butler County Planning Commission.

Mary Phillips showed Ms Sweeney pictures of the flood 4 years ago.

The hearing was closed at 7:24 PM.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the June 5, 2007 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Tim Sapienza commented on 3rd Street/Edmond Street extension. With the new plan in Jackson Township there will be more traffic coming out onto the street. He suggested waiting to see what will happen with the plan first.

Jim John asked Council why they wanted to extend Edmond Street at this time. He doesn't feel that there is any need for it to go down to the park.

Charles Schramm stated that he has the same concerns as Mr. Sapienza and Jim John.

Diane Brenner stated that the corner of Edmond and 2nd Streets narrows. She feels that if the street is extended it will add to the danger.

