

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Public Hearing

Monday, August 18, 2014

Chairman Church called a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag. Supervisors Church and Agostine were present, as were, Solicitor Sennett, Zoning Officer Hudak, Engineer Polaski, Secretary Yeast, and eighteen interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Church explained that the purpose of this hearing is to receive public input regarding a petition to rezone a parcel located on the south side of Hershey from I-1 (Industrial) to B-1 (Business).

PURPOSE OF HEARING:
Consideration to re-zone Hershey Road property from I-1 to B-1

Zoning Administrator Hudak further explained that the property was formerly the Huber Fan Company, and provided the public with a list of business types allowed in a B-1 District. Hudak added that this request has been reviewed and recommended for approval by both the Summit Township Planning Commission and Erie County Planning. It is also consistent with the Summit Township Comprehensive Plan. Hudak displayed the Zoning Map highlighting the property in question.

Supervisor Church asked for the property acreage. Mrs. Ross, the property owner's daughter, responded that it is "almost 5 acres".

PUBLIC INPUT

Lois Ross explained that the family will still reside in the home, but the outbuildings that housed Huber Fan would be available for lease. The current I-1 District limits their options for an appropriate use for their property.

Discussion ensued regarding the non-conforming use of the residence both in an I-1 and B-1 Zoning District.

Florence Briggs, 2350 Hershey Road, expressed concern that another business along with the newly constructed GetGo will greatly increase traffic.

Supervisor Agostine responded that, with no proposal for a business occupation received, there can be no traffic impact estimation. However, a B-1 Zoning District is much less invasive than an I-1 Zoning District. The Board has to decide, not on what may be planned, but on what is allowed within the District.

Gretchen Stearns, 2047 Crestview Drive, asked Mrs. Ross (the property owner) if any business is interested. Mrs. Ross, responded, yes, and introduced Sandy Soder. Ms. Soder explained that she is owner of Sharp Consignment Store, a furniture consignment store with "light" retail. Ms. Soder is the proposed tenant.

With no further input from the public, Chairman Church closed the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast
Recording Secretary
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