

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 8, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Dr. Robert S. White at 4:06 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. All members were present. Dr. White opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dr. White opened the floor for public comment.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, asked if there was any consideration to installing a traffic signal on Paoli Pike at the end of the north bound Route 202 exit ramp which would make it easier to make a left turn onto Paoli Pike. Ms. Sharon Lynn, Township Manager, responded that the engineering study to determine what would need to be done to allow the signal to be installed was begun in 2005 and is continuing into 2006. She said that after the study is completed it will be submitted to PennDOT for consideration. Dr. White said that PennDOT had completed a study of Paoli Pike from Willistown Township through East Goshen Township to the West Goshen Township border. He said that West Goshen Township has applied for a traffic signal to be installed at Fern Hill Road and Paoli Pike.

Dr. White announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on January 26, 2006 to discuss legal issues.

Dr. White read the following statement:

“The Board of Supervisors recently undertook an evaluation of the Township of West Goshen Zoning Ordinance, codified at Chapter 84, Article XIV of the Township of West Goshen Code. Following that evaluation, the Board determined that certain provisions of Section 52 of the Zoning ordinance may be invalid due to size, spatial and other area and bulk regulations applicable to billboards and a possible failure to expressly allow for political and other ideological speech within the Township.

Accordingly, the Board determined to implement the procedure for a municipal curative amendment of Section 52 of the Township of West Goshen Zoning Ordinance as authorized by Section 609.2 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. §10609.2.”

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved a formal declaration of the Board's determination to implement a municipal curative amendment of Section 52 of the Township of West Goshen Zoning Ordinance as authorized by Section 609.2 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. §10609.2.

Mrs. Baker asked what the Board was intending to do about billboards and Dr. White replied that the previous ordinance regarding billboards was not achieving what the Board had intended for it to do when it was enacted in October of 2004. He said that a new proposed ordinance would allow billboards but also be fair to the residents of West Goshen Township. Mrs. Baker asked if it was necessary to allow for the construction of billboards and Mr. Meakim said that they must be permitted.

Mr. Raymond McKeeman, Zoning Officer, announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of West Goshen Township will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Administration Building. ZHB 2-06: The applicant and legal owner is Patricia J. McBride, 1269 Knollwood Drive, West Chester, PA. The non-conforming property is located at 1269 Knollwood Drive and is zoned R-3 Residential Zoning District. The applicant is seeking variance relief from “Rear Yard: 30 feet minimum” and any other relief necessary to construct a sunroom on the rear of the home that would reduce the rear yard setback to 25 feet.

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On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors minutes from January 3, January 11, and January 25, 2006 with three corrections to the minutes of January 3, 2006 where the name of Dr. White should have been listed as making the motion instead of Mr. Meakim.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2006 for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, as well as the bills to be paid from the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, and the Waste and Recycling Fund.

Lt. Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of January 2006.

Mrs. Baker asked how many of the alarms in the police report were valid and Lt. Gleason responded that 22 of the 106 alarms were valid. Mrs. Baker said she felt too much of the police budget was being used to respond to false alarms and Lt. Gleason said that responding to alarms is part of the job of the officers on patrol.

Dr. White stated that the Board did not fund the annual Skatearama in the 2006 budget. He asked Lt. Gleason if alternate funding had been found for this event and Lt. Gleason said that the police were in the process of finding other funds.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of January 2006. Ms. Testa also gave the reports for Good Fellowship Ambulance and West Chester Fire Department. The report for the Goshen Fire Company was not available.

Mr. John Beswick, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for January 2006.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved a Final Land Development Plan for a 2,943 square foot bank building for Fulton Financial Corporation located at 1201 West Chester Pike. Mr. John Snyder from Rettew Engineering was present to represent the plan.

Mrs. Baker asked about the accesses and exits from the location of the bank and Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer, explained where they were located and how they would function.

Mr. Craig presented an update on the Township's Stormwater Management Program and Department of Environmental Protection MS4 Permit. He said that a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Phase II permit was obtained three years ago from the Department of Environmental Protection and that the Township is required to update the public from time to time on progress being made. He said that Township personnel have mapped all stormwater systems in the Township and they have been placed on the Township GIS system. He said that 75 stormwater basins have been inspected to see if they are operating and being properly maintained. Mr. Craig said that there are 197 basins in West Goshen Township and that four are owned by the Township. He stated that stormwater information articles were published in the Summer 2005 and Winter 2006 Township newsletters and the articles can also be found on the Township website. He said that Township personnel have participated in a number of workshops that have been held by Chester Ridley Crum Watershed, in addition to developing a partnership with Chester Ridley Crum Watershed and other municipalities. Mr. Craig said that the Township has also complied with the educational component of the permit and has developed pre-construction notices for contractors regarding erosion and sedimentation control procedures. He said that the Township is working on developing a stormwater page for the Township website.

Mrs. Baker asked if owners of basins are required to bring basins up to the present standards and Mr. Craig said they are only required to maintain the basins at the standards that were in effect at the time the basins were constructed.

Dr. White opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

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There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Turley
Township Secretary

**West Goshen Township
Supervisor Hearing
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S-02-06

Supervisor Hearing S-02-06, which was continued from January 11, 2006, was called to order by Chairman Dr. Robert S. White at 4:44 p.m. All members were present.

Ms. Kristin S. Camp, Esquire, was present to represent the Township. Ms. Mary Ann Rossi, Esquire, was present to represent the applicant Spring Court Associates, L.P., who is seeking conditional use approval to develop 12 townhomes on a 1.4 acre tract of real property that it equitably owns which is located at 200 Spring Lane. The Property is located in the R-3A Zoning District which permits townhomes by conditional use approval of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 84-73.A of the West Goshen Township Revised Zoning Ordinance of 1990.

See Court Reporter's Transcript

At the conclusion of all testimony on motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the application of Spring Court Associates, L.P., subject to the conditions set forth by the Board.

The hearing ended at 5:13 p.m.