

Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Public Hearing
April 12, 2023
6:45 P.M.

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson
Brett Johnston

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit & Mary Buchheit

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Public Hearing to order at 6:54 P.M.

Purpose of the Hearing

Mr. Gulden stated that the purpose of the hearing is to inform and take public comment on proposed Ordinance 2023-01, which is a zoning text amendment to exempt township property from the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

The ordinance and hearing were advertised in the Gettysburg Times by Mr. Fenicle.

Adams County Planning Department reviewed and provided comments via memo dated March 13, 2023. They recommended denial of the ordinance, and preferred the Township go through the zoning text amendment or variance process instead.

The Township's Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the ordinance at their April 5, 2023 meeting via 3-1 vote.

Board of Supervisor's Comment

Vice-Chair Kellett recommended approval of the ordinance as it only affects one Township owned property. Chair Young also voiced support of the ordinance. Both stated that it is needed to move forward with the building addition and future park project(s). They do not want to increase the maximum impervious per lot threshold, via zoning text amendment, to 25+ percent in all of the Rural Conservation Zoning District, which would be an increase from the current 15 percent threshold. Going through the variance process would be an expensive and unnecessary endeavor for the Township.

Public Comment

Ms. Buchheit from 976 Middle Creek Road, Fairfield voiced opposition of the ordinance.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0). Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.