

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 8, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

****A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC & IN THE INTEREST
OF THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY****

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Allen Beckett, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson
Matt Young

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Richard Fager, Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Jessica Arendtz, Jim Geleta, Rob Dufour, Jeffrey Feltman, Neil Aldin, Adam Baker, & Keith Groncki

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beckett called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

- Zoning Ordinance 2020-01

Mr. Gulden stated the purpose of the public hearing is to take public comment on proposed Ordinance 2020-01. He explained the ordinance's timeline:

- 02/25/2020 - Adams County Planning Department recommendation of approval.
- 03/04/2020 – Freedom Township Planning Commission unanimous (5-0) recommendation of approval.
- 03/03/2020 - Mailing to property owners in the proposed Airport Overlay District.
- 03/11/2020 & 03/18/2020 - Public hearing & ordinance advertisements in the Gettysburg Times.
- 03/15/2020 - Signs were placed in the yards of properties in the proposed Airport Overlay District.
- 03/31/2020 – Second advertisement in the Gettysburg Times regarding the virtual public hearing and attendance instructions due to COVID-19 & Governor's distancing orders.
- 03/30/2020 – Second mailing to property owners in the proposed Airport Overlay District regarding virtual public hearing and attendance instructions due to COVID-19.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jessica Arendtz, 1336 Middle Creek Road, stated she is not interested in having her property in the proposed Airport Overlay District. Vice-Chair Kellett explained that the Township is federally mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to include this district in the zoning map, because of the existing airport in neighboring Liberty Township.
- Richard Fager, 2314 Pumping Station Road, stated he constantly hears and sees planes flying over his home. Vice-Chair Kellett & Chairman Beckett stated the Township is federally mandated to include this district in the zoning map, because of the existing airport in Liberty Township. They do not expect an increase in air traffic, and no new airports are proposed.
- Jeff Feltman, 110 Wenschhoff Road, asked why the Township is updating the zoning ordinance, and how much did it cost. Mr. Gulden stated the ordinance has not been updated since 1993, so it was updated to meet the zoning standards of 2020 and add additional protections for residents. He also stated that the Adams County Planning Department performed the work for \$2,000.
- Keith Groncki, 2359 Pumping Station Road, asked if the FAA overlay requirement is new. Vice-Chair Kellett said no; however, the Township is obligated to include the zone in our new ordinance due to the airport in Liberty Township.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Beckett adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.