

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors  
Public Hearing  
March 16, 2022  
6:00 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**

Kathleen Carroll, Ethel Williams, Frank Williams, Joe Bowden, Gary Currens, Sue Currens, Elaine Floyd, Ricky Floyd, Harry Scott, Jim Geleta, Nancy Styple, & Jason Van Dyke

**Call to Order**

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Public Hearing to order at 6:05 P.M.

**Purpose of the Hearing**

- A. Amendment of the zoning ordinance to have campgrounds allowed as a conditional use in the Mixed Use and Commercial Corridor Zoning Districts and removed from the Rural Conservation (RC) Zoning District (Ordinance 2022-05).**

Mr. Gulden stated the Freedom Township Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend denial of proposed Ordinance 2022-05 at their meeting on March 2, 2022. They felt that the recent comprehensive zoning update, undertaken by the Township and County in 2019/2020, was a more appropriate time to remove the campground use from the RC zoning district.

Mr. Gulden stated the Adams County Planning Department provided a memo dated March 2, 2022 recommending to keep the campground use within the RC district, and instead, limit one use per property. Currently properties are allowed multiple uses.

Mr. Gulden stated he has received four emails in support of Ordinance 2022-05.

Mr. Fenicle stated this public hearing was advertised in the Gettysburg Times on February 22, 2022 and March 1, 2022.

**Board of Supervisor's Comment**

Vice-Chair Kellett stated that the campground use is more appropriate in the Mixed Use & Commercial Corridor Zoning Districts. He said campgrounds today are very commercial in nature, which is not appropriate in the RC district. The roads within the RC zoning district

cannot handle the traffic of a campground – especially the intersection of Pumping Station and Bullfrog Roads.

Chair Young stated it was a hard decision, because he believes tent only campgrounds are an appropriate use in the RC district. He stated the campground use criteria and definition should be updated. A campground would bring a lot of tax revenue into the Township.

Mr. Johnston agreed that tent only campgrounds would be an appropriate use in the RC district.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Bowden, Ms. Carroll, Mr. Van Dyke, Ms. Style, Ms. Floyd, & Mr. Scott all spoke and supported proposed Ordinance 2022-05.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M.