

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Conditional Use Hearing
October 17, 2011 6:30 PM

Chairman Reagan called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. Supervisors also present were Jack Walter, Maurice Fay, Cheryl Wood-Walter and Robin Smith. Attorney John Thompson was also in attendance.

Chairman Reagan introduced the Board as well as Attorney Thompson and Cindy Parrish, Athens Township Assistant Zoning Officer. He then turned the hearing over to Attorney Thompson at 6:40 PM. John explained that the hearing was for a FEMA temporary disaster manufactured housing community site to be located on the Austin parcel in Athens Township off Wilawana Road. There are currently about 85 families that are still displaced from the flooding of September 7, 2011, who have no place to go. FEMA stated that a caseworker is assigned to each household and meets with them every 30 – 60 days to inspect the unit and to assist the household with progress toward the permanent housing plan. By statute, the disaster housing program is authorized for 18 months from the date of the declaration (September 3, 2011), with the capability to be extended if necessary. Testimony was taken by Stenographer Myra Ludden. Jack Shuback made the presentation for FEMA. All residents in attendance that wished to were also allowed to speak.

Chairman Reagan took the Board into executive session for deliberation at 8:02 PM. The hearing reconvened at 8:25 PM. Attorney Thompson stated the Board will grant the Conditional Use with the following conditions:

- 1) Any lighting, including street lights, must be contained on the property.
- 2) The park will have a 24-month maximum limit. If additional time is needed, another Conditional Use hearing will be required.
- 3) Adequate stormwater facilities must be approved, constructed and maintained.
- 4) The access road must be paved to the first intersection. “Tar and chip” will be acceptable. The township will NOT maintain these roads.
- 5) The dust must be controlled within the park at all times.
- 6) The township will require contact information to be filed with the Township Secretary for the park manager, road maintenance person(s), a point of contact for each agency involved in the project, and any other contacts deemed necessary.
- 7) A final as-built plan must be submitted showing locations of utilities, hydrants, etc. upon completion.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to grant the Conditional Use with the above listed conditions. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Smith – yes; Mr. Reagan – yes; Mrs. Wood-Walter – yes; Mr. Fay – yes; Mr. Walter – yes.

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Ron stated that we have forgone a lot of the requirements because of the emergency situation presented here. People have been displaced and need a place to live. We are trying to accommodate that, because it is in the best interest of our community.

Bill Cotton of South Main Street, Athens addressed the Board by saying thank you on behalf of the people affected in Athens Borough.

Harry Forbes of the Governor's Office also thanked the Board on behalf of the Governor. The hearing concluded at 8:31 PM.

Ron continued the meeting by saying he had spoken with Marion Carling and she is willing to be reappointed to Planning Commission for another term. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to reappoint Marion Carling to the Planning Commission for a term to expire October 30, 2015.

Robin presented an Act 14 notification for Niagara Gas and Oil Service for a SRBC permit to place a water withdrawal operation on the old Cohen site. The parties are aware that they do not have township approval at this time.

On motion of Ron, second by Jack, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2011-13, designating Robin Smith as the Applicant's Agent for all aspects of FEMA-4030-DR-PA, including Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation.

There being no further business, on motion of Robin, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith, Secretary