

**South Harrison Township
Planning/Zoning Board of Adjustment
Work Session
September 22, 2008**

The South Harrison Township Planning/Zoning Board of Adjustment held a work session meeting on September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by Marc Nagtegaal, Chairperson and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were met.

Roll Call: Robert Schenk – present (L – 7:40), Gary Spinner – present, Thomas Sorbello – present, Melvin Robertson – present, Marc Nagtegaal – present, Joseph Wille – absent, Charles Tyson, – absent, Joseph Calabro – absent, Matthew Warner – present, Jonathan Roth – present, John Coleman – absent, Celeste Keen, Secretary – present, Ryan Conklin, Board Planner – present.

New Business:

Suzanne McCarthy of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Board discussed a recent article in the 'Planner' newsletter which sites new "Open Space" legislation. Ms. McCarthy stated that the recent court decision would not affect South Harrison Township's Open Space plan.

Ms. McCarthy reviewed the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan and updated the Board regarding the status of the plan. She advised the Board that approximately 16 surveys were returned from Township residents. They were looking for much more input and suggested that the surveys be distributed to get a clear picture of the residents' preferences.

Board members gave their suggestions/corrections as to certain lots that were not designated properly.

Board discussed with Ms. McCarthy the possibilities of creating a wish list in reference to a potential greenways system. The wish list will include areas in the Township along stream corridors as well as portions of lots to provide protection for the ecosystem. The Board also discussed the possibility of having trails along the greenways for the use of the residents.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by Matthew Warner. Motion carried.

Edmund Crispin of 681 Harrisonville Road, advised the Board that the school is also looking for property for possible expansion.

Gary Spinner advised the Board that the School Board is having a meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2008 to discuss planning.

Mr. Crispin also advised that the Greenways be made wide enough for emergency vehicles to travel in case they were needed. The Board thanked Mr. Crispin and stated that that would definitely be taken into consideration.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Robert Schenk, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Suzanne McCarthy asked for clarification on how the Open Space surveys would be distributed. The Board stated that the survey could be put on the web site, distributed at the Fall Festival to be held October 4th, and in a newsletter.

DVRPC will return at the October work session to apprise the Board on their progress.

Mel Robertson stated that he had an article which reported some states are mandating fire sprinkler systems in new construction. He advised that he would have copies made and would distribute at a later meeting

Mr. Spinner advised that he had spoken with John Eastlack, Township Solicitor, regarding South Harrison Township obtaining a liquor license. Mr. Eastlack's opinion is that the Board first designate an area where it would be permitted. At which time the Township Committee would adopt an ordinance setting forth the procedure for issuing a liquor license.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Schenk, second by Thomas Sorbello. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keen
Board Secretary