

Public Hearing Meeting

December 18th, 2023 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Ream

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

- a) Borough Council Members present: Pam Ream; Lee Hoffman; Ian Mandichak; Ruby Miller (via telephone); Sue Opp and Steve Shaulis.
- b) Borough Council Member Absent: Jim Clark.
- c) Also present: Mayor Fred Rosemeyer.
- d) Also present were the following: Borough Manager, Michele Enos; Director of Finance, Brett Peters; Administrative Assistant, Roger Bailey; Municipal Authority Manager, Jessica Sizemore; Randy Cox, Chief of Police; Solicitors, James Cascio & Allyson Lonas; Consulting Engineers, Tom Reilly & Jake Bolby.
- e) Public Attendance: None.

Public Hearing – Conducted by Solicitor Cascio

4. Introductory Comments:

- a) Solicitor Jim Cascio – Concerning the proposed Zoning Amendments.

Solicitor Cascio noted that the Public Hearing was for 2 proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments that Ms. Enos would describe for the Board.

Ms. Enos noted first, that the Public Hearing was advertised.

She next mentioned the first of two proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. She said that the Borough cannot say that Skills Games are not permitted in the Borough, but they can say where they are permitted in the Borough.

The second of the two proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments concerned prohibiting chickens and other farm animals in the Borough. Ms. Enos mentioned that this has been a growing question. The Borough wants to make it clear what the proposed description is that will be placed in the Zoning Ordinance for prohibiting chickens and other farm animals within all districts of the Borough. She mentioned that

this was reviewed with the Planning Commission Board at their meeting on December 6, 2023, along with the other zoning consideration where Skills Games would be allowed in the Borough.

Ms. Enos said that the Borough proposed the C-3 District for Skills Games, but the Planning Commission felt that C-3 incorporates some residential areas and would not be appropriate. The Planning Commission recommended to use the M-2 District to Borough Council instead. This is more of an industrial area in the Borough's Zoning District.

These districts on the Borough's Zoning Map, along with other details, were then reviewed with Council.

Ms. Enos noted that any business who currently has the Skills Games will be "grandfathered in" since the games were not regulated before they were placed in businesses. The new Zoning Ordinance Amendment would be from here forward.

Ms. Enos reiterated that after the Public Hearing had been duly advertised, which allows for people to have the opportunity to come and testify whether they are in favor or against, no one from the public attended the Public Hearing. Also, prior to the Public Hearing, the Borough was accepting any written comments from the public, and none were received.

5. General Public Comments:

- a) Testimony: **None**
- b) Questions/Answers: **None**
- c) Comments: **None**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mrs. Ream moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Mrs. Opp.

Motion Unanimously Carried
5:17 p.m.

Michele A. Enos, Borough Secretary