

The North Strabane Township Board of Supervisors held a Special Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., at the Township Municipal Building, Route 519 South, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317.

ATTENDING THE MEETING

J. Gregory Sulc, Chairman
Stephen Motzer, Vice-Chairman
William Brooks, Supervisor
Robert Balogh, Supervisor
Jeff Stanley, Supervisor

ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING

Frank R. Siffrinn, Manager-Secretary
Patrick Smider, Solicitor
Joe Sites, Engineer
Deanna Kelly, Stenographer

Mr. Sulc called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Petition to Vacate Portions of Streets and Alleys in the Curry Plan of Lots As advertised, we will have a public hearing on a petition to vacate portions of Birch Street, Maryland Avenue, Michigan Avenue, and certain unnamed alleys in the Curry Plan of Lots, located off Morganza Road, submitted by Robinson Limited Partnership Company, 1299 McLaughlin Run Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017.

Mr. Smider This is for purposes of this hearing only. The non-legislative meeting will take place at the close of this meeting.
We are going to make part of the record Exhibit A, which is a copy of the petition and the supporting documents. Exhibit B is the legal notice, which will be supplemented by proof of publication. Exhibit C is a supplemental legal notice due to the wrong streets being published. Exhibit D is the notices to the property owners.
This hearing pertains to paper streets and alleys that have never been opened to the public. For purposes of this hearing only, if you going to speak on behalf of the petition, please stand and raise your right hand. Mr. Smider swore in the interested parties.

Joseph DeNardo Joseph DeNardo, I am here to represent the proposal of rededication of roads. Displayed is a survey that was done a long time ago. The survey reflects smaller parcels of property. If the roads were to be vacated, the property would be clean for future development.

Mark Roberts Mark Roberts. I am an employee at Pennsylvania Transformer, and I am here to represent them. Our comment is simple. Pennsylvania Transformer objects to the vacating of these paper streets adjacent to our property. There is a possibility of opening these streets in the future, which may be of value to the use of our property.

Robert and Harold Johnson Robert and Harold Johnson. We strongly object to this proposal. We were lead to believe this property was already owned. In my possession, I have a letter from Zeman and Zeman, the attorney that originally owned it. My dad acquired from him on July 30, 1990, permission giving us use to this property. We have been maintaining this property behind our business for 26 years. We added the parking lot, cut the grass, and plowed the snow. If they take over this property, it will impede on our business. My question is who really owns the property?

Mr. DeNardo Is your only concern, about the fact that you have been maintaining the property?

- Mr. Johnson Our concern is that you come to us and say you own the property, remove your trucks.
 This issue hurts our business considerably.
- Mr. DeNardo I am familiar with the lay of the land there. I think a site plan can be configured that would accommodate their concerns. We would like to be friendly neighbors.
- There was a lengthy discussion between Mr. Smider, Mr. DeNardo, and Robert and Harold Johnson about the boundary lines.
- Mr. Smider Would anyone like to add anything?
- Mr. DeNardo On the first objection, we could make provisions for the concern of future access for Pennsylvania Transformer. We have no interest in land locking anybody's property. The future development plan would not create that situation due to the public road and access.
- Mr. Smider By operation of the law, if the Board were to vacate these paper streets and alleys, one-half would go to each property owner.
- Mr. Johnson I understood that when the railroad was abandoned, half went to one side and half to the other.
- Mr. Smider Would that help you?
- Mr. Johnson Yes.
- Mr. Smider Why don't we do this. Unless there is an objection or comment, close the hearing and have all interested parties contact my office.
 One final note. Just because there was a hearing does not mean that it is vacated. It will have to be done by ordinance.
- Public Comments** None.
- Remarks from Supervisors** None.
- Adjournment** All business being concluded, the special meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

J. Gregory Sulc, Chairman

Frank R. Siffrinn, Manager-Secretary