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Minutes of July 26, 2017, Abundant Harvest Church Conditional Use Hearing

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Building to conduct a Conditional Use (CU) Hearing for Abundant Harvest Church. Chairman Brian Peters, Vice-Chairman Joseph Landis and Supervisor Pamela Huss were in attendance. Other personnel present were Secretary Helen Klinepeter, Solicitor Mark Allshouse, Roadmaster Kenneth Chubb and Treasurer/Recording Secretary Elizabeth Goodhart. A list of visitors is on file in the Township office.

Chairman Peters opened the Hearing at 6:00 PM, and turned the Hearing over to Solicitor Allshouse.

The Solicitor stated this CU Hearing, Docket # 2017-02, was advertised for this date and time. The applicant is Abundant Harvest Church, Inc., c/o Matthew Zang. Solicitor Allshouse stated the purpose of this Hearing is for an expansion of a current Conditional Use and is for an expansion to the existing building. The Solicitor stated the application, fee, blueprint, plot plan showing the proposed addition, grid of property owners within 200' of the property, and a tax map were submitted. Following receipt of the application, Solicitor Allshouse sent a letter to Abundant Harvest Church informing them of the meeting of the Penn Township Planning Commission (PTPC) and the Conditional Use Hearing. Advertisements were placed in the July 10, 2017, and July 17, 2017, editions of the Perry County Times for public notice purposes. On July 14, 2017, Secretary Klinepeter posted the property as required, and a copy of the posting is part of the record. A letter dated June 12, 2017, was received from Zoning and Sewage Enforcement Officer Lenny Sizer, stating that after review, he had three comments.

1. Article XVII, Section 1701.2 indicates that any Non-Conforming Use expanding greater than 50% must obtain Conditional Use approval from the Board of Supervisors.
2. It should be addressed how sewage disposal will be handled for the proposed addition.
3. The Conditional Use application as submitted appears to meet all the requirements and appears to be completed.

The Solicitor stated the Penn Township Planning Commission (PTPC) met on June 19, 2017, and reviewed this application. After discussion, the PTPC unanimously recommended approval of the Abundant Harvest Church, Inc., CU application contingent on all possible future uses being part of the CU.

Joseph Burget of Burget & Associates briefly mentioned the plans for the septic system. He also mentioned the proposed addition will be done in steps. Proposed uses for the addition are a day care, offices, weddings, funerals, Boy Scout meetings, etc.

Mr. Burget stated the proposed addition is an expansion of 193%, and the proposed parking lot is an expansion of 184%.

As there were no questions from the public, the Solicitor turned the Hearing over to the Board.

Upon a Peters/Huss motion, the PTS approved the Conditional Use for Abundant Harvest Church, Inc., Docket # 2017-02, submitted June 1, 2017, with a majority vote. Chairman Peters abstained from voting since applicant Matthew Zang is his pastor. Chairman Peters asked Mr. Zang if he accepts the conditions of the CU. Mr. Zang answered in the affirmative.

A Peters/Huss motion to close the Hearing at 6:15 PM was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Goodhart
Treasurer/Recording Secretary