

# **February 28, 2012 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors Work Session**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **WORK SESSION MEETING**

**February 28, 2012 6:00 P.M.**

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a public work session Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Vice Chairman Rick Baer, Pat Heraty, John Alleman and James Byers. Chairman Fred Young III was absent at the beginning of the meeting. Others attending included Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Brad Graham, Administrator.

Vice Chairman Baer called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Sylvia House, Zoning Officer, began the work session by stating that an Ordinance Review Committee is in place and has met as a committee on two occasions.

House listed the priorities for the ordinance review as:

1. Zoning Chapters
2. Subdivision/Land Developments
3. Antrim Township Municipal Authority ordinances as to sewer, water and pretreatment
4. Junk and Junkyards
5. Open Burning
6. Parks
7. Amusements

Proposed purposes for each zoning district were listed with the committee's changes noted. House explained that these proposed purposes would be revisited once clear definitions were determined for Conservation Practices and Green Design. House said the Conservation Practices and Green Design were particular to the grounds surrounding said development and not the structure itself.

Chairman Young arrived at this time, 6:15 p.m.

House defined the zoning districts as Agricultural (A); Low Density Residential (R-1); Medium Density Residential (R-2); and Community Commercial (CC). To date, the ordinance Review Committee has reviewed these zoning districts and recommended permitted and conditional uses for them as House presented a preview of those uses.

The goal at the next meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee March 6, 2012 is to confirm the permitted and conditional uses in the Highway Commercial (HC) and Industrial (I) districts with all of the uses prioritized based on the impact of neighboring properties, categorized as low, moderate and high impact. Standards will then be created along with minimum lot area requirements such as lot size, setbacks, etc.

House asked for any comments, suggestions or input from Board members, with most saying there were no issues with the way it was presented with Supervisor Byers adding that a lot of these proposed uses will depend on the definitions to be later determined.

House told those present that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) still has comments on the Township's Flood Hazard District regulations, not only after the deadline for submittal but after the Antrim Township Board of Supervisors had adopted the ordinance, which means that the Township is still on the suspended list. House reported that this means that flood insurance policies held by residents cannot be renewed until the Township's regulations are approved by FEMA. According to House, this involves three property owners in the Township, one whose policy has already expired and two whose policies will expire April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Supervisors must hold a public hearing which cannot be held until April 13, 2012, at the earliest, which follows a 45-day comment period for FEMA.

In the meantime, House will draft letters to the three property owners, making them aware of the 45 day comment period, with apologies.

Administrator Graham told those present that Lorraine Armstrong, a junior at Greencastle-Antrim High School, has applied to be a Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors and that after reviewing her application and speaking with school district personnel, he would formally recommend that she be appointed.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed with unanimous vote to adjourn the work session.

The next work session for Ordinance Review will be prior to the March 27, 2012 Board of Supervisors regular meeting. The work session will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nowell,

Interim Township Secretary