

# July 22, 2014 - Board of Supervisors ORWS

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Ordinance Review Work Session Meeting

July 22, 2014 6:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a public work session Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following Supervisors present: Pat Heraty, James Byers and John Alleman. Also in attendance: Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Brad Graham, Administrator; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary.

*(Fred Young arrived late.)*

Heraty called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

House began by restating for the Supervisors the directional focal points that were given to the Ordinance Review Committee by the Supervisors at the beginning of the rewriting process. These points are as follows:

- Reduce and consolidate the number of Zoning Districts in the Township.
- Expand the uses permitted in Zoning Districts to allow property owners the greatest use possible of their property.
- Reduce and eliminate excessive setbacks and buffer zones to gain maximum use of the valuable property.
- Promote economic development.
- Provide for multiple uses on a property.

House then reviewed the zoning uses for the new zoning districts by placing the overview spreadsheet on the white board for all to view. House stated that the committee arranged each use by the impact (low, moderate or high) it would have on the surrounding area and the other uses permitted in the district. Setbacks and standards were established based on the impact the use would have in each zoning district.

Young arrived at 6:25 p.m.

The rest of the meeting centered around discussion of accessory uses for districts, which is defined as follows: A use customarily incidental and subordinate to the principle use of the main building and located on the same lot with such principle use or main building.

Byers stressed that the Township needs to make sure both the residents and the farmers are protected fairly. A few locations on the map were selected to review the uses and the associated setbacks. House stated that at the Township level, there is only so much that can be enforced and/or restricted because the State of Pennsylvania has laws that supersede or take precedence over the local ordinance for farming operations.

The Supervisors decided to read through the Ordinance one more time as it has been amended and recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee and the Antrim Township Planning Commission, and wish to have another work session to discuss further.

Robert Smith made the suggestion that farmers utilize the center of their property for the permitted uses to avoid the necessary setback requirement deliberations.

A Young/Alleman motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the Work Session at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Board of Supervisors Secretary