

September 11, 2014
6:00 PM

The Agriculture Security meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kehoe.

ATTENDANCE

Phil Kehoe, Chairman
A.W. Castle, Vice-Chairman
Samuel Simmons, Supervisor

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Mark Bruening, Engineer
Marjorie Metzger, Admin. Asst.

Mr. Pykosh explained this is the time and place for the Agriculture Security hearing regarding three applications that have been submitted to the township. Two were submitted by John and Diane Stamy for properties along York Road for 62.64 acres and 14.84 acres. One was submitted by Ian and Melanie Stamy for a property along Park Place for 22.55 acres.

TOWNSHIP EXHIBITS

1. Monroe Township Comprehensive Plan
2. Report and recommendation from the Monroe Township Agriculture Security Committee.
3. Report and recommendation from the Monroe Township Planning Commission
4. Report from the Monroe Township Engineer
5. Report from the Cumberland County Planning Department
6. Public Notice that appeared in The Sentinel and was posted on the properties being considered
7. Correspondence dated June 30, 2014 from Marjorie Metzger certifying there were no objections filed
8. Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 1381, outlining the factors to be considered by the local government.

SUMMARY

Mr. Pykosh reported that the Monroe Township Planning Commission, Monroe Township Agriculture Security Committee, township engineer, and the Cumberland County Planning Department all recommended these properties to be approved for inclusion in the agriculture security area in Monroe Township. Some of the factors that were considered include the soils, which are conducive to agriculture. The farming operating on the land are conducted in a manner considered to be on par with modern acceptable farming practices in the Township and surrounding communities. The land has farming as its primary use. The land is readily farmed as a viable economic operation, and is well kept. There is a demand for the farm products.

There are local markets existing for the farm products. A good portion of Monroe Township residences are involved directly or indirectly in agricultural pursuits. There are businesses in the area that rely on farming.

Diane Stamy, Ian & Melanie Stamy were present for the hearing.

RESOLUTION 2014-09

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2014-09, which approves the addition of two properties owned by John & Diane Stamy, 14.84 acres and 62.64 acres, into the Monroe Township Agriculture Security area.

RESOLUTION 2014-10

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2014-10, which approves the addition of one property owned by Ian & Melanie Stamy, 22.55 acres, into the Monroe Township Agriculture Security area.

ADJOURN

The Agriculture Security hearing was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger
Admin. Asst./ Secretary-Treasurer