

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016**

WORKSHOP SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Klein called the workshop to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Harold Harman, Supervisor	Adam Klein, Chairman
Steve Kurtz, Supervisor	Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer
Gloria Zimmerman, Vice Chairman	

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS

Zoning Hearing Board

Board Members Present: Erich Bair, Rick Caranfa, Beth Carricato, Matt Miller, Mary Ann Yahn

Mr. Miller commented that in the past few months some of the requests before the hearing board have been very similar regarding their applications. He suggested that the Ordinances be reviewed and revised to update certain township requirements. Mrs. Carricato brought up the case that dealt with the definition of a single family home in an agricultural area. She stated that a townhouse met the definition of a single family home. There was discussion that if Ordinance definitions are updated it may eliminate the need for hearings. Mrs. Zimmerman commented that some of the Ordinances are open to interpretation. Mr. Miller brought up that realtors and potential buyers need to be “in tune” with the zoning Ordinances and check with the township regarding zoning regulations. Mr. Steinmeier brought up the need for a second alternate member for the board. He said that there should always be a five person board to hear the cases. Mr. Caranfa explained that if there is a four person board, he always gives the applicant the opportunity to request a continuance of the hearing. There was discussion that a hearing can be heard and a decision rendered by the Hearing Officer if necessary. Mrs. Zimmerman suggested that a newspaper ad be run to recruit volunteers. Mr. Rosario will check the current volunteer applications on file to see if anyone is interested in be appointed to the zoning hearing board. Mr. Caranfa commented that the last few hearings have taken longer than normal due to applicants not being prepared. He asked that the township staff encourage applicants to be prepared to present their case and get the proper representation if necessary (i.e. surveyor). Mrs. Carricato commented that the board and solicitor need to receive the hearing information in a timely manner in order to review the case prior to the hearing. There was discussion that a workshop should be held to examine and review the current Ordinances. Mr. Rosario outlined the process that needs to be completed to change the Ordinances. Mrs. Zimmerman thanked the zoning hearing board for doing a very thorough job on behalf of the township.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 PM

An Executive Session was held from 6:40 pm to 6:50 pm.