

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YORK COUNTY PA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS)
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2023
6:00 PM**

(P) Chair Mark Wenrich (P) Vice Chair Dave Buckwash (P) Supvr. Naomi Decker (P-part of meeting) Supvr. Duane Anthony (P) Engineer Phil Brath (P) ZO Wayne Smith (P) Treasurer/Asst. Sec. Pam Williams (P) Office Assistant Marie Wilcox (P) Solicitor Bret Shaffer (P) Secretary Traci Kauffman (A) Supvr. Kevin Cummings

Call to Order –

June 1, 2023, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mark W. The meeting was held in person at 150 Century Lane, Dillsburg, PA. Visitors in attendance are listed on the meeting sign-in sheet.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Pledge and prayer were led by Mark W.

Combined Ordinance – The combined ordinance concerning Electronic Message Centers, Marijuana Dispensaries and Growing/Processing Facilities, and Kennels, Veterinarian Offices, Animal Hospitals and Pet Cemeteries were reviewed.

Kennels, Veterinarian Offices, Animal Hospitals and Pet Cemeteries:

The BOS discussed the difference between personal use and different types of commercial uses. The draft ordinance should specify that a kennel has more than 6 animals over 6 months of age. Additional discussion was held regarding the difference between vet offices and animal hospitals. The reference to pet cemeteries in the current ordinance has no purpose; pet cemeteries can fall under provisions relating to cemeteries, generally.

Electronic Message Centers:

The current draft of the ordinance was discussed; no edits were desired at this time.

Marijuana Dispensaries/and Growing/Processing Facilities:

Discussion was held as to designating specific areas for these uses, so that they cannot be placed at will, anywhere in the township, with a specific focus on distancing these uses from areas where minors congregate. Given the determination at the state level to allow these uses, the BOS discussed that the proposed rules would afford reasonable areas for these uses. As part of the discussion, the BOS viewed the zoning map to understand where these uses could occur under the proposed siting restrictions.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and Signs:

The ADU and sign amendments have been tabled until a later date.

Solar Energy Systems (SES):

The BOS discussed on-site use versus off-site use of the power created. The power produced versus the power used still impacts the power grid. Discussion was held regarding the use of the power, the battery storage, and the electricity being returned to the grid. There are several questions regarding the acreage needed due to the system capacity and can the property be regulated by land development. Bret S. and Phil B. will have a discussion with the York County Planning Commission (YCPC) to clarify these items.

The Combined Ordinance will be presented at the June 14, 2023 BOS Regular Meeting for approval to move forward with advertising the new draft

Ponderosa Park – Bounce House

The BOS indicated that it would be a liability and the Board felt it was not a good idea. A motion was made by Dave B. to not allow bounce houses or similar devices in the Township parks. Second by Naomi D.

Bret S. indicated that in other instances, i.e. at carnivals, etc. the liability is covered. At a public park that would not be the case. Public safety is of the utmost importance.

Motion carried.

Place Dillsburg Library on the agenda for June 14, 2023.

There were no public comments.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. was made by Dave B.

Second by Mark W.

There was no discussion.

Motion carried.

Executive Session:

An executive session was held to discuss Lexington Fields at 8:24 p.m. and no decisions will be made. The executive session ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Kauffman

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