

**PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2010 STATE ROUTE 903
JIM THORPE, PA 18229**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022

The Special Meeting of the Penn Forest Township Board of Supervisors is being held at Penn Forest Township Fire Company #1, 1387 State Route 903, Jim Thorpe, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Roger Meckes asked that all in attendance stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Roger Meckes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm; Roll Call by Township Secretary

Members:	Roger Meckes, Chairman Christian Bartulovich, Vice-Chairman Thomas Cross, Supervisor Scott Lignore, Supervisor Patrick Holland, Supervisor
Solicitor:	Thomas S. Nanovic---Solicitor
Office Staff:	Dana Vitale---Twp. Secretary
Barry Isett:	Phil Prout, BCO, & Jared Goldner, PMZI

A) DISCUSS SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Supervisor Bartulovich addressed the residents and stated that we are going to provide answers to the questionnaire that was submitted. Answer to No 1 of the list. Attorney Nanovic addressed the residents; he explained the PA Supreme Court slice of life meaning which has a great deal of misunderstanding for what that decision stands. He read from the Supreme Court decision, the case comes out of Monroe County. In Hamilton Township they had a zoning ordinance and a property owner had a STR he didn't live there, in that use in the zoning ordinance it states we permit single family detached dwellings, these people decided to operate a STR in that zoning district. The issue the court decided in slice of life. What is a family? In that case the term family was actually defined. He then read the definition from Hamilton Township Zoning Ordinance; one or more persons occupying the dwelling unit related by blood, marriage or adoption living together and here is the key phrase living together as a single housing keeping unit and using cooking facilities and certain rooms in common. The court then defined what a single housekeeping unit used by the courts throughout the country as the person/s

residing in the home to function as a family and to be sufficiently stable and permanent and not purely transient. The court decided in favor of the township and they could not have the STR. It does not say that a STR is a commercial use, it does not say it STR is not permitted in a residential district. All it said is under that definition single housing keeping unit it would not be permitted. The court does not say anywhere that you cannot permit STR in a residential district and it also doesn't say that you can't prohibit them it's left up to the governing body of the township.

Supervisor Bartulovich proceeded to answer the (4) page questionnaire submitted by township resident (see attached).

The following residents approached the Board of Supervisor with their questions and concerns:

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| 1) Eileen Rugh | 30) Larry Bulanda |
| 2) Susan Bulanca | 31) Tim Nicholas |
| 3) Bill Rugh | 32) Jeanne Nelson |
| 4) Patrick Walsh | 33) Elaine Carosella |
| 5) Patricia Nayda | 34) Stephen Habrial |
| 6) Elizabeth Ramsey | 35) Harry Haller |
| 7) Andrew Ramsey | |
| 8) Bill Mailley | |
| 9) Linda Abrams | |
| 10)Peg Dusablon | |
| 11)Ruth Naphey | |
| 12)Corynne Bailey | |
| 13)Ralph Clark | |
| 14)Maryanne Hastings | |
| 15)Janet Grill | |
| 16) Joe Granieri | |
| 17) Nicholas Flores | |
| 18)Greg Petrillo | |
| 19)Chris Mangold | |
| 20)Ellen Capell | |
| 21) Igor Budiyanskiy | |
| 22)Larry Dusablon | |
| 23)Colleen Dykas | |
| 24)Nanette Cahill | |
| 25) Neil Macmorrow | |
| 26)Jennifer Dodd | |
| 27)Denise Dost | |
| 28)Heidi Allison | |
| 29)Sue Grave | |

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:52 P.M.

MOTION made by Supervisor Bartulovich, Second by Supervisor Meckes to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: RM- yes; CB- yes; SL-yes; TC-yes; PH-yes **MOTION PASSED**

DANA VITALE
SECRETARY
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP

ROGER MECKES
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP