

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The Public Hearing of Monday, September 14, 2015 was brought to order at 6:45 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli Ms. Criner
Mr. Boyd Mr. Costa Mr. Wells

The purpose of the public hearing is to seek public comments on an ordinance proposed for adoption at the regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting immediately following the public hearing. The proposed ordinance (Number 1055), amends the Wilkins Township Zoning Code by amending the definition of "Business, medical offices" to specifically permit methadone clinics and to amend the definition of "Methadone Clinic" to add the drugs suboxone and subutex which are also utilized for the treatment of patients suffering from heroin addiction. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended these changes to the Board of Commissioners based upon the advice of legal counsel. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Section 621, denies the placement of a methadone clinic within 500' of an existing school, public playground, public park, residential housing area, childcare facility, church, meetinghouse or other place of regularly stated religious worship. This provision of the MPC has been held by the Courts to violate the Americans with Disabilities Act because it singles out methadone patients for different treatment. Therefore, the Zoning Code should be amended to permit the location of methadone clinics in areas where medical clinics are permitted.

This public hearing and the proposed ordinance have been advertised as required by the First Class Township Code and the MPC.

There were no public comments.

There were no comments from the Board of Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary