

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005

The Public Hearing Meeting of Monday, October 10, 2005 was brought to order by President William Wilson at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Wilson  
Mr. Padula

Mrs. Martinelli  
Ms. Fialla

Mr. Greco was absent.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comments on proposed Ordinance #973, which established a real estate tax abatement schedule for new home construction upon 8.8 acres of unimproved real estate formerly known as Swiss Farm Dairy. Mrs. Bradley read proposed Ordinance #973.

ORDINANCE NO. 973

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2, SUBSECTION (B) (IV) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION AND THE NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION LOCAL TAX ABATEMENT ACT, ACT 202 OF 1986, 72 P.S. SECTION 4754.1, ET SEQ., A REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENT SCHEDULE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION UPON UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE.

Public Comments:

1. Mr. Robert McGrath, 269 Penhurst Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235: Submitted correspondence to the Board of Commissioners requesting clarification on sections of the proposed ordinance. These questions were addressed at this time.
2. Ms. Dora Packowski, 194 Ridge Street, East Pittsburgh PA, 15112 questioned whether the proposed ordinance was advertised and how an ordinance can be modified by a resolution.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Fialla questioned aspects of the ordinance, including an estimate of total tax revenue lost due to the abatement, questioned the developer's intent to develop without the passage of the ordinance, questioned whether it was feasible to institute an ordinance offering tax abatement to current residents of the community instead of new residents and questioned whether any developer of the property would be required to follow the Township's stormwater management requirements.

Commissioner Martinelli stated she is pleased that Mr. Nese is proceeding with the improvements on this site and she welcomes twenty new homes and families.

The Public Hearing Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary