

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – The Berwick Township Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover. The purpose of the meeting was to have discussions with representatives of Lincoln Speedway. Present were Supervisors Pete Socks, Tom Danner, Barry Cockley, Earle Black, Scott Kennedy, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Zoning Officer Andrew Myers, Secretary Jean Hawbaker.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: April Clark, Scott Gobrecht, Allen Kreitzer, Mike Heffner, Jerry Parrish

Tim Shultis explained there were 2 notices of violation sent for the overnight camping on lot 4 of Lincoln Speedway in violation of the Agreement dated June 23, 2014, and the Zoning Ordinance. As per the agreement, overnight camping is only permitted on the East side on lot 1. We came up with this agreement, which was a long-drawn-out process.

Jerry Parrish stated we couldn't get a meeting before that weekend event, and we knew we would get a fine. We have 4 or 5 events we would need to use lot 4, and the smaller events we would use lot 1. I was not aware of the agreement the Speedway had with the township.

Mr. Shultis held discussion on why they weren't allowed to have overnight camping on lot 4. The reason was, we offered to Lincoln Speedway to go before the Zoning Hearing Board and operate it as a campground, however; the reason you may not do it is because of the requirements you have to meet to have an approved campground. If you want to pursue that, we permit it by Special Exception in this Zoning District. The reason we wanted to prohibit it on lot 4, was because lot 4 was developed for overflow parking, not camping. Lot 4 cannot be seen from the road, one of the major issues is sewage disposal on the property.

A dump tank with water for the campers was discussed. Pete Socks stated a dump station would make more sense, but it would need to be monitored.

Mr. Shultis stated the Race Track is considered a pre-existing non-conforming use. It is not permitted in the Zoning District, but it existed prior to our ordinance. It is

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legally allowed to continue its operation. It is also allowed to expand its operation with Zoning Hearing Board approval. What I am hearing, the camping issue, being 4-5 times per year will require you to use both lot 1 and lot 4 to accommodate everyone. The Zoning Hearing Board is the body that can grant you to use lot 1 and lot 4, expand a non-conforming use, and present the dump tank. That is your avenue forward.

Tom Danner stated there is better discussion with all partners, instead of just one.

Mr. Parrish would like the Board to reconsider the fine they were issued.

Adjournment was at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean A. Hawbaker
Secretary/Treasurer
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