

Public Hearing
Motor Freight Terminal Conditional Use Hearing #19
July 29, 2008

The North Middleton Township Supervisors held a continued public hearing on July 29, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building, 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle PA. Chairman Richard A. Bucher called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present Vice Chairman Robert Shearer, Supervisor Harry Kelso, Supervisor Dennis Hurley, Supervisor Robert Reisinger, Solicitor Mark Allshouse, and Recording Secretary Dana A. Billet.

Visitors: **See attachment #1**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag opened the meeting.

Solicitor Allshouse, the Board and the Attorney's had a discussion regarding hearing dates because there is a conflict with the previously scheduled date of August 11. August 4 at 6:30pm has been scheduled to replace August 11. August 14 will stay the same. Supervisor Reisinger stated he will not be in attendance for the August 14th hearing. .

Doug Plank resumed his testimony from the June 11 hearing. Mr. Lucas resumed his questioning of Mr. Plank in regards to the traffic studies completed by Grove Miller and the response letters received from Trans Associates.

Mr. Lucas questioned Mr. Plank in regards to the trip generation calculations, the traffic counts, and several Applicant Exhibits.

Supervisor Hurley had no questions.

Supervisory Kelso as in regards to Mr. Plank's report he stated they missed the peak hour. Supervisor Kelso ask what exactly he meant. Mr. Plank stated his count was higher from 2:45pm to 3:45pm. Supervisor Kelso ask if the intersection needs to be evaluated in regards to that. Mr. Plank said yes.

Supervisor Kelso questioned Mr. Plank in regards to a right turn lane. Mr. Plank stated there should either be a wider lane or an acceleration lane to avoid someone running into the back of the truck.

Supervisor Kelso stated that in the report the counts were done in December and Mr. Plank stated that December was a bad time to do a traffic count. Mr. Plank stated December is the third lowest volume month of the year.

Supervisor Kelso ask if it should be taken into account that Pepsi has the option to build on and other warehouses have not been leased yet. Mr. Plank stated it should be factored in to the traffic count.

Supervisor Reisinger stated he had not questions.

Supervisor Shearer ask Mr. Plank in regards to page 7 of his report, safety deficiencies. Mr. Plank stated if they would have provided accident information they would know how many accidents occurred at a specific site.

Supervisor Shearer referred to page 11, paragraph 16 of Mr. Plank's report. Supervisor Shearer ask if it was Mr. Plank's opinion that they should throw out all the previous traffic studies and start over again. Mr. Plank stated he felt that would be a good decision.

Supervisor Shearer referred to 21-A. Supervisor Shearer ask if Mr. Plank felt there should be a left turn lane at the LogistiCenter. Mr. Plank stated without doing the calculations he could not give an answer to his question.

Supervisor Shearer ask if a deceleration lane prior to entering the facility was needed. Mr. Plank stated it would be a significant improvement.

Supervisor Shearer ask if the amount of traffic going left from this facility, did Mr. Plank feel that a right turn lane was needed into the LogistiCenter. Mr. Plank stated it would be needed.

Supervisor Bucher referred to page 14. Supervisor Bucher ask what concerns the township will end up dealing with in the future. Mr. Plank stated that they do not know whether there are any safety issues.

Mr. Wolf was given the opportunity to question Mr. Plank. Mr. Wolf questioned Mr. Plank in regards to traffic data and establishment of the peak hour.

Mr. Moore was given the opportunity to ask Mr. Plank questions in regards to his testimony.

Mr. Lucas was given the opportunity to redirect.

Supervisor Bucher ask if any of the Board members had any questions. No members of the Board had any additional questions for Mr. Plank.

Discussion was held in regards to the entry of exhibits. Mr. Lucas objected to exhibit O-21, O-21A and O-21B. After discussion of the exhibits Solicitor Allshouse admitted the exhibits.

Supervisor Shearer suggested throwing out the current traffic studies and requesting new ones. Solicitor Allshouse stated that at any time the Board can suggest to any individual that they would like to see another traffic study.

Discussion was held among the Board members in regards to the traffic study testimony. The consensus among the Board members was that it was not necessary to ask for another traffic study to be completed.

Discussion was held regarding additional hearing dates in August and September. Additional hearing dates were scheduled for August 20 at 6:30pm, September 17 at 6:30pm and September 22 at 6:30pm.

A full transcript of the hearing can be found at the Municipal Building.

Adjournment

Supervisor Reisinger moved to continue the public hearing to August 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Supervisor Kelso seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary