

MINUTES
EXETER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

Public Meeting

A Public Hearing of the Exeter Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:02 P.M. in the Township Building by David Speece, Chairperson.

Supervisors Present: David Speece, Chairperson
Michelle Kircher, Vice Chairperson
John Cusatis
Gregory Galtere
Joseph Staub

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Michele Gilbert, Interim Township Manager
Laurie Getz, Township Secretary
Alicia Luke, Fox Rothschild, Solicitor
Wendell Morris, Chief of Police
Clarence Hamm, Highway Superintendent
Joseph Rogosky, Great Valley Consultants, Township Engineer

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Proposed Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance to Establish Short-Term Lodging Regulations

Alicia Luke stated that the meeting was properly advertised, and proof of the advertisement is available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeremiah LoCascio, gave comments on the proposed ordinance. Stated that he does not agree with proposed restriction, but is ok with regulations. Provided Supervisors with handouts containing Township zoning map with 27 listings on AirBNB within the Township. Found that there have been 481 rentals in the proposed allowed area since 2012. Stated that crime has fallen by an average of 13% in that time period, does not find a correlation between AirBNB and increased crime rates. Questioned how restricting AirBNB in general to rural areas and away from residential will benefit the community as a whole? Does not see a benefit to restricting property owner's individual use of property. Asked how they will differentiate between a bed and breakfast and short-term rental, and long-term rental. What is the enforcement mechanism to this ordinance?

Dave and Janet Hurlbrink, stated that they are in favor of the ordinance based on their belief that short-term lodging shouldn't be allowed in certain zones. Are fine with AirBNB being in some locations, but feel they should have specific allowed areas. Are not opposed to individual property owners being able to rent out their homes should they desire to.

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Keith Fritz, vehemently opposes AirBNB. Has one across from his house, they rent out 5 to 6 rooms at a time. Feels that is not the intent, it is being used improperly. Finds it to be a problem, does not want it in his neighborhood.

No further public comments.

MOTION of Mr. Cusatis seconded by Mr. Staub, the Board closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Getz
Township Secretary

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