

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
October 14, 2015
NHS Bradford Conditional Use Hearing – 6 PM
Austin Excavating Conditional Use Hearing Decision – 7 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Supervisors also present were Ron Reagan, Christine Vough, George Ballenstedt and Susan Seck. Attorney John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance.

The meeting was turned over to Attorney Thompson to conduct the NHS Bradford Conditional Use Hearing for a proposed group home to be located at 200 Weaver Road. Testimony was taken by Caitlyn Shaylor of Verbatim. There were no protestants present. The Board went into executive session at 6:30 PM for deliberation. The hearing reconvened at 6:35 PM. Motion by Cheryl to grant the Conditional Use specifically for developmentally disabled persons, with a second by Christine. Roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Seck – yes; Mr. Ballenstedt – yes; Mrs. Vough – yes; Mrs. Wood-Walter – yes; Mr. Reagan – yes. Attorney Thompson will deliver a written decision within 20 days of this hearing. The hearing adjourned at 6:38 PM and the regular meeting was reconvened.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to appoint John Schoonover as First Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire September 9, 2018.

Discussion was held on the Round Top star. It was decided that we will hold a “Lighting of the Star” ceremony on December 12, 2015 at 6 PM at Round Top Park. Max Bennett from the Daily Review had suggested we contact his mother, Alice Bennett, as she may be able to provide light refreshments. Cheryl will contact Mrs. Bennett. We will also ask the fire company to put the star up for us.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to sign the Conditional Use decision for Trehab as presented by Attorney Thompson.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 7:03 PM for deliberation on the Austin Excavating Conditional Use application. Attorney Thompson asked attorney for the protestants, Jon Foster, Sr., if he could provide the written decision no later than 20 days from the decision and Attorney Foster had no objection. The hearing reconvened at 8:55 PM.

Ron made the motion, seconded by Susan, to grant the conditional use with the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant complete the land development process
- 2) The applicant applies for a new driveway permit
- 3) The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 5 PM
- 4) Prohibit the use of engine brakes

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- 5) Additional buffering and screening will be needed between the operation and the 4 immediately adjacent residences, consisting of full-grown evergreen hedge to be at full height within five years.
- 6) The applicant must keep mud and dirt off Wildwood Road
- 7) There can be no more than 30 trucks per day
- 8) The applicant must comply with all federal, state and local regulations

The roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Seck – yes; Mr. Ballenstedt – yes; Mrs. Vough – no – Mrs. Wood-Walter – yes; Mr. Reagan – yes.

The hearing concluded at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary