

## Conewago Township Zoning Hearing Board

November 10, 2008

### Minutes

At 7:00 PM the ZHB meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance. Members present were Earl Miller, Sharon Beck, David Clouser, Hanson Quickel and Margaret Burg. Attorney Jeff Gettle provided legal council for the ZHB.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business- None.

New Business- Case 04-2008, Dover Township Sewer Authority's Request for a Special Exception in a Residential Zone, a Variance for lot coverage and a Variance for open area at 851 Graffius Road, York, Pa.

Vincent Wayne of Buchart Horn and Sophie Simon, the superintendent of the Dover Township Sewer Authority, represented the applicant. During the course of the meeting the following evidence was presented. In order to meet Pennsylvania State mandated changes in the biological nutrient reduction of effluent requirements of the DEP, phosphorus and nitrogen levels in the wastewater must be reduced to lower limits. Therefore the sewage treatment plant must be enlarged and upgraded by expanding the oxidation ditch and adding a new clarifier. There should be no odor issue resulting from the proposed changes. If the mandated changes are not complied with the applicant could be subject to large fines and certain personnel could be jailed. Other options were explored with the proposed changes being the best suited for the current location and operation.

The proposed changes would also require a Variance from the current open area and lot coverage ordinance.

Applicant Exhibit One, a color-coded drawing showing the proposed expansion was presented to the ZHB.

Kristi Cutshall, a local resident wanted to know if current fencing would be changed.

David Clouser made a motion that Case No 04-2008, Dover Township Sewer Authority's request for a Special Exception in a Residential Zone to expand the wastewater treatment plant be granted. Hanson Quickel seconded. The motion carried.

David Clouser made a motion that Case No 04-2008's request for a Variance for lot coverage be granted. Hanson Quickel seconded. The motion carried.

David Clouser made a motion that Case No 04-2008's request for a Variance for open area be granted. Hanson Quickel seconded. The motion carried.

New Business-

The Zoning Officer Fritz Neufeld asked the ZHB to consider changing the starting time for the ZHB meeting.

Sharon Beck made a motion that 7:00 PM be the starting time for the ZHB meetings. David Clouser seconded. The motion carried.

The ZHB meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Clouser  
Secretary