

**EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING RECORD
July 14, 2008**

The East Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors held a public hearing in the Township Building on July 14, 2008. Those present were: Chairman Leo M. Levandowski, Vice-Chairman Michael P. Miller, Supervisor Percy Reynolds, Supervisor Gene Turns, Supervisor Charles D. Shelton, Treasurer Suzanne Hamlin, Zoning Officer P.J. Scheese, Secretary Pat Brady, Solicitor Helen Esbenshade, Planning Commission Chairman Joe Bauer and guests.

The hearing was called to order promptly at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Leo M. Levandowski..

Chairman Levandowski read the hearing notice advertised in the Daily Local News and turned the hearing over to Helen Esbenshade, solicitor. Reference was made to publication of notice of the hearing in the Daily Local News on June 30, 2008 and July 7, 2008.

Solicitor Helen Esbenshade stated the purpose of the hearing was to present information on property owned by Christian G. and Malinda K. Esh (tax parcel #69-3-51.2, 69-3-51.2.C.), over a 68.690 acre portion of which the Township is considering acquiring an agricultural conservation easement. The Township's proposed purchase is subject to compliance with the Pennsylvania statutes controlling conservation easements and the earned income tax provisions adopted by referendum by the citizens of East Nottingham. In exchange for payment of the purchase price for the easement from earned income tax funds either directly or through debt service, the Township would acquire a permanent easement restricting the land to agricultural use in perpetuity. The open space benefit is to protect and conserve farmland in the Township.

Purchase of the easement was recommended by the Township Open Space Committee and the Board of Supervisors previously approved an offer of \$12,000.00 per surveyed acre based on a survey performed by William Wood Co., making the proposed purchase price \$824,280.00 in total.

Solicitor Esbenshade asked if anyone was here to represent the Eshes to no response.

Supervisor Reynolds questioned Solicitor Esbenshade concerning whether the property owner has a conservation plan as required. A discussion ensued, during which Solicitor Esbenshade explained that she has been in contact with the County Conservation District

Office and with counsel for the Eshes. Her understanding is that a conservation plan is underway. Ms. Esbenshade pointed out that the recommendation is that no settlement take place until an approved conservation plan is in place for the Esh farm. At closing, the Eshes then will be asked to sign an agreement to implement the recommendations contained in the approved plan.

There were no further comments or questions from the Board of Supervisors.

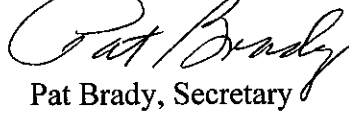
Chairman Levandowski then asked if any member of the public present wished to comment or ask questions regarding the proposed Esh easement acquisition. There were no comments or questions.

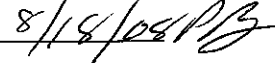
Upon no further comments, the hearing was closed; a motion was made and seconded by Supervisor Shelton to adjourn the hearing at approximately 7:47 P.M.

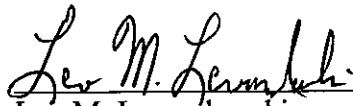
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Nay: 0

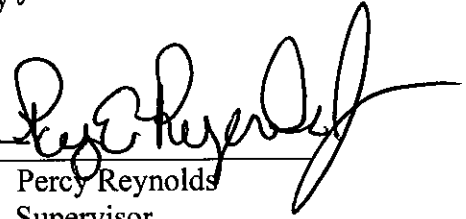
Respectfully Submitted,
Helen J. Esbenshade, solicitor

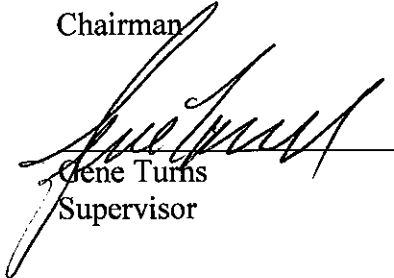

Pat Brady, Secretary

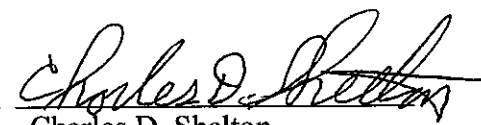
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