

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 5, 2021

- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called to order the Public Hearing for parcel Rezoning at 7:20 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building, 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412 on October 5, 2021.
- ATTENDEES:** Those present were Mayor Feikles, Vice-Mayor Renick, Councilperson Campbell, Councilperson Laythe, and Councilmen Tim Dillen. Also present were Solicitor Andrew Schmidt, stenographer Lisa Weiss, Manager Willow, and Zoning Officer Lovell. Guests included Jim & Sharon Gillette, Ethan & John Snyder, Dale Johnson, Lukas Johnson, Brian Burke, Neal Devlin, Attorney for Ryan & Sarah Dopsovic, William Leone, Dylan Shipton, Debra Naughton, Joel & Dana Gross, Matt Hill, John Kelly, Giovanni & Carmela Fuda, Scott Rastetter.
- REZONING REQUEST** The purpose of this public hearing is to hear public comment on request for Re-Zoning Application by Jim Gillette to change Zoning of property from Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A-1) to allow building and property to be used as a wedding venue. Parcel is located at the SW corner of Crane Road and Lay Road, Edinboro PA 16412, further identified as parcel index #45-18-37-4.01
- ADVERTISEMENT** Manager Willow presented a copy of the advertisement for this Public Hearing, including proof of publication, as advertised in the September 17th, 24th, and October 1st, 2021, editions of the Edinboro News. Parcel posted on September 9th in 4 locations. Mailed notice to surrounding property owners
- APPLICANT PRESENTS CASE** Barn located on the property where he would like to have weddings is beautiful inside, they will add sound proofing, they obtained septic approval from Health Department. They will follow all Township rules, and “do it right” as they always have with their other projects in the Township and Borough.
- PUBLIC COMMENT IN FAVOR** None
- PUBLIC COMMENT OPPOSED** The following attendees spoke out against the zoning change for reasons listed: noise, changes the character of the community, decrease property values, traffic safety, road access on Crane Road, and a recent vehicle fatality.
- Carmela Fuda, 12051 Lay Road,
 - Neal Devlin, Solicitor for Mr. & Mrs. Dopsovic, 2008 Creekside
 - Joel and Dana Gross, 12041 Lay Road
 - John Kelly, 5550 Crane Road
 - Dillen Shipton, 5421 Crane Road
 - Matt Hill, 12015 Lay Road
- WRITTEN COMMENT** Ms. Gail Panella, Howard Hannah Real Estate, Against the zoning change, will lower property values.
- COUNCIL VOTE** After discussion, **It was voted** on motion by Laythe, second by Renick, to disapprove the zoning change as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- ADJOURNMENT** Public Hearing adjourned at 8:00 P.M.