

July 26, 1995

PUBLIC HEARING  
ZONING CHANGE FROM R1 TO C2

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, July 26, 1995 at 7:00 pm at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Richard Schweinsberg, Joseph Budai and Andrew Piccuta present.

The purpose of the hearing was to obtain citizens views and comments regarding the proposed zoning change for the purpose of a family recreation area, golf driving range and miniature golf course, for Michael Kirkwood of Perfect Swing Inc.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

Mr. Kirkwood and Atty. Matt Mangino stated that the proposed driving range would also include a self contained batting cages and a miniature golf course. Two structures would also be on site a 24 x 36 office and a 24 x 24 storage facility. Lighting standards would be 20 to 30 feet high and the hours of operation would be limited. Approximately ten jobs would result from the business. On the other portion of the land Mr. Kirkwood may want to build a house.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Harry & Josephine Irwin, 209 Hoover Road, they are looking forward to retiring after living there 35 years and have enjoyed the peace and quiet and implore the supervisors not to make the zoning change. Mr. Irwin also asked about hours of operations, possibility of Go-Karts or other industry coming into the area after a zoning change has been made.

George Micacchione, presented a petition signed by 132 residents all who live no further than 1 mile away from the proposed site. Mr. Micacchione asked if they had a site plan approval from the county, a lighting plan, roadway access plan. Mr. Micacchione also questioned the number of parking spaces, the terms of the lease, the noise factor and suggested that the facility be placed in Neshannock.

Phillip John, stated that the community would gain from the golf driving range.

Jim Budzowski, 220 Hoover Road, asked if the township had a noise ordinance.

Matthew Irwin, 209 Hoover Road, stated that the driving range would create a traffic problem, and additional trash would be thrown along the roadway.

Norm Gabriel, New Castle, stated that he is a friend of Mr. Kirkwood and that all he wants to do is benefit the community.

Ralph Esposito, 130 Leon Drive, commended Mr. Kirkwood on what he is doing but that this is the wrong place for a driving range.

John Fiacco, 1209 Old Princeton Road, asked if the parcel of land could be changed to commercial and if the business fails change the zoning back to residential. The Supervisors stated that once it is zoning is changed it remains changed, unless appealed for another zoning change.

The supervisors stated that they will make a ruling within the next forty-five (45) days.

Motion by Joseph Budai second by Andrew Piccuta to adjourn.

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