

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Workshop on the December 2007 Multi-Municipal Plan
June 18, 2012

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held at the Union Township Municipal Building, 3904 Finleyville-Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Board Members in Attendance by roll call were Stephen Parish, Larry Spahr, Linda Evans-Boren, and Brenda Cushey. Also in attendance, Carl DeiCas–Township Engineer, Peter Grieb–Code Enforcement Officer, Judy Taylor–Treasurer, and Debra Nigon–Secretary.

Also attending: John Partezana and Lori Kenavey, Union Township Planning Commission, Susan Morgan, Washington County Redevelopment Authority and Jim Harrison–Supervisor, Carroll Township, Sharon Cramer–Secretary, Carroll Township, Dennis Butler, Zoning Officer, Carroll Township.

It was discussed that the December 2007 Multi-Municipal Plan includes four municipalities, Finleyville, Nottingham, Union and Carroll Townships. Finleyville Township and Nottingham Township adopted the Plan years earlier as it pertained to their two municipalities. To date, Union Township and Carroll Township had not jointly adopted the Multi-Municipal Plan. The only item that remained to be revised from back in December of 2007 when the Multi-Municipal Plan was last discussed, was zoning changes requested by Union Township on the Future Land Use Map which affected the Route 88 Corridor.

Lonergan & Associates has already been paid for their work on the 2007 Multi-Municipal Plan document and is agreeable to distribute the plan to the required municipalities should it be adopted. Prior to the Workshop, Ms. Morgan had Lonergan & Associates, at the Redevelopment Authority's expense, revise the Future Land Use Map to include the changes the Union Township Board indicated had been left unrevised.

At the Board's request, Ms. Morgan provided her guidance on steps forward to resolve the issue. She explained that, since the Multi-Municipal Plan is not a legal document but a tool to be used in planning forward, and an adopted Municipal Plan does not always reflect the changes that have occurred in the Townships, she did not see the time lapse as an issue in preventing the Plan from being adopted now in 2012. Multi-Municipal Plans are generally updated every 10 to 20 years. If adopted, she suggests that the two Townships meet regularly to begin implementing the Plan while working towards the next Multi-Municipal Plan document.

Her recommendation was that both municipalities go back through the adoption process from the start of the steps required so that the adoption process is proper. If the parties decide to adopt the Plan, in the Motions it will need to be stated that the Plan is being adopted for Union and Carroll Townships only, and a Resolution will need to be written by the solicitors for the Townships which will be used to nullify the portions of the Plan that include Finleyville and Nottingham Townships.

Union Township Engineer, Carl DeiCas suggested that a new zoning map be used to replace all of the Land Use Map for Union Township to bring it up to date instead of only including the Route 88 corridor revision. Ms. Morgan agreed to accept the new zoning map and provide it to Lonergan & Associates for their opinion on what needs to be changed. Mr. DeiCas will forward it to her. Carroll Township also decided that they may like to provide their most current zoning map, and Ms. Morgan will send their map as well.

The Chairperson said that our solicitor will contact the Carroll Township solicitor so that they can work together on the necessary Resolution. Also, the solicitor needs to verify that all the steps are done properly.

It was decided that the Multi-Municipal Plan will be sent back to the Planning Commissions of both municipalities so that the proper review and adoption process can be followed.

Debra A. Nigon, Secretary