

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – AUGUST 6, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Patterson called to order the Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance #2-13 at 7:29 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building, 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412 on August 6, 2013.

**VISITORS** Visitors were Visitors were Visitors were Dennis Porto, Diane DiCarlo, Kathy Pernisek, Paul Ditmore, Merrill Smith, Carrie Crow, Rick Scaletta, Bunny Bucho, Sara Strand, Stephen Allen, Colin Wylie, and Chris Roth.

**RULES FOR COMMENT** Mayor Patterson explained that persons wishing to comment should stand, state their name, and to direct their comments to Council. The purpose of this hearing to receive public comment.

**ORD. #2-13 CODE AMENDMENTS** Ordinance #2-13 amends Chapter 119-34 (A), street design and construction standards; chapter 150-29 (C), roadside stands; chapter 150 special exceptions; chapter 150-24, off-street parking; chapter 150-18, special exceptions; and chapter 150 attachment 1:22, maximum lot coverage of the Township Code

**ADVERTISEMENT COPY** Manager Anthony presented a copy of the advertisement for this Public Hearing.

**WRITTEN COMMENT** Written comment was received from Erie County Planning and is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan.

**ORAL COMMENTS** None.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS** The following comments were received: Merrill Smith questioned the density levels of 12 units and how the Planning Commission came to that decision; Bunny Bucho, Chair of the Washington Township Planning Commission, explained the planning process to reach that decision. Carrie Crow presented information to Council on density regulations from surrounding municipalities and stated she was not against the 12-unit density rule in the R-2 zoning district. Colin Wylie questioned the availability of sewer EDU's to such developments and Manager Anthony informed Mr. Wylie that the Township has purchased ample capacity via the 2008 Sewer Agreement with the Borough of Edinboro for development, and Washington Township needs growth to stabilize sewer rates for the customers. Rick Scaletta, General McLane School District Superintendent, stated the School District wants growth within Washington Township such as patio homes, but does not want growth attained from families because "kids cost money", explaining the District would have to provide services for new enrollees and that type of growth was not a top priority for the District as it wants to maintain its current levels of enrollment, not add more. Councilman Pernisek questioned Scaletta's statements as Scaletta had addressed Council at a previous meeting stating the District needed more enrollees. Paul Ditmore's opinion was that density units displace single-family homes.

**COUNCIL'S COMMENTS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:52 P.M.