

PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020

6:45 P.M.

Roll Call Walt Sackinsky presiding. Board members Ed Snee and Brian Lucot were present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Dennis McDonough, Chief of Police; Aaron Laughlin, Director of Public Works; Irving Firman, Solicitor; Tom Bonidie, Code Enforcement Officer; and Carolyn Yagle, Planning Consultant.

Purpose of Hearing The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take oral or written testimony on the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 696: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE XXII (“SIGNS”) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK’S ZONING ORDINANCE (“ZONING ORDINANCE”) TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED,” ADD NEW DEFINITIONS FOR “DIGITAL DISPLAY” AND “ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD,” CHANGE BILLBOARD DESIGNATION FROM SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO CONDITIONAL USE, TO REDUCE THE PERMITTED GROSS SURFACE AREA FOR BILLBOARDS TO 300 SQUARE FEET AND TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM BILLBOARD DIMENSIONS TO FIFTEEN FEET TALL AND TWENTY FEET WIDE, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2202.12 (NONCONFORMING SIGNS), TO AMEND SECTION 2202.1 (“RESTRICTED SIGNS”) TO RESTRICT SIGNS ON VEHICLES, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2206.9 (ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS) TO PROHIBIT ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS AND TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 2202.7 (SIGN ILLUMINATION) TO REGULATE ALL ILLUMINATED SIGNS IN THE TOWNSHIP.

Testimony **Ms. Yagle** – Ms. Yagle explained that ultimately when the ordinance is codified, it will ensure that all the sections match up so that they can all be cross-referenced.

Mr. Firman – Mr. Firman commented that the language was changed in the ordinance to identify conditional use as having to go before the governing body.

Mr. Bonidie – Mr. Bonidie stated for the record that on 12/9/2019 the Board of Supervisors scheduled a Public Hearing for 2/10/2020 at 6:45 p.m. On 12/31/2019, a proposed amendment was sent to

Allegheny County for review and comments. On 1/10/2020, legal advertisements were sent to the Post-Gazette for publishing on 1/17/2020 and 1/24/2020 in the Xtra South editions. On 1/15/2020, the Township Administration Lobby was posted, giving notification of the Planning Commission meeting. On 1/22/2020, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance. On 2/3/2020, the Township Administration Lobby was posted giving notification of the Public Hearing on 2/10/2020.

Residents – No public comments were made.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Mr. Snee and seconded by Mr. Lucot to close the public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Snee and seconded by Mr. Lucot to adjourn the public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 6:52 p.m.