

## PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021

6:45 P.M.

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

**Purpose of Hearing** The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take oral or written testimony on the condition of the following property to determine if the property should be declared a Public Nuisance by the Board of Supervisors, and subject to the appropriate abatement procedures and/or fines and penalties as outlined in the Code of the Township of South Park.

**Owner(s):**

Elizabeth L. and Joseph E. Blanar

**Location:**

2956 Sebolt Road  
South Park, PA 15129  
Lot/Block No. 1009-G-4

**Testimony** **Mr. Bonidie** – Mr. Bonidie stated that on 4/12/2021, the Board of Supervisors scheduled the public hearing for this evening. On 4/15/2021, certified and first-class letters were sent to Joseph and Elizabeth Blanar to two separate addresses in Arizona. The letters sent to 1344 West El-Caminito Place, Tucson, AZ 85705, were returned “Unknown-Unable to Forward.” The letters sent to 6570 N. Hot Desert Trail, Tucson, AZ 85743, were not returned. Advertising for the public hearing was sent to the Post-Gazette on 4/15/2021 and published in the South Edition on 4/29/2021. On 4/27/2021, a site inspection was conducted, and pictures were taken of the subject property. At that time, the property was extremely dilapidated with several openings in the foundation, allowing rodents or wildlife to enter. The structure is vacant, and there are no utilities on. On 4/30/2021, 16 letters were sent to property owners within a 200-foot radius, notifying them of the public hearing. Public Hearing notification signs were posted on 5/3/2021 at 2956 Sebolt Road and in the lobby of the Township Administration Building.

**Mr. Firman** – Mr. Firman had no comments.

**Mr. Lucot** – Mr. Lucot had no comments.

**Mr. Snee** – Mr. Snee stated that during his inspection he witnessed no connection of gas or power meters. The gutters were falling down. The back porch was full of belongings, and furniture was in the back yard. Vegetation was growing up the siding, and the driveway was beyond repair. Also, the back door was slightly opened.

**Mr. Sackinsky** – Mr. Sackinsky concurred with the former testimonies.

**Mrs. Fosbaugh** – Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the following is her report for 2956 Sebolt Road. She inspected the property on 3/2/2021, 4/6/2021, and 5/5/2021.

1. The gutters and downspouts are disconnected from the home and do not direct storm water away from the dwelling.
2. Numerous windowpanes are missing from the windows allowing access to animals and weather conditions.
3. The foundation is separating from the main dwelling in various locations.
4. Visible from the windows, it appears that sections of the ceiling on the first floor are collapsing due to water damage.
5. The rear porch appears to be separating from the main house structure.
6. The screens in the rear porch windows have disintegrated allowing access to the home by animals.
7. Panels in the storm door accessing the rear porch are missing.
8. There is a large amount of loose debris on the back porch due to the deterioration of the structure.
9. The structure does not appear to have any functional utilities.
10. Mold on the interior walls is visible from the windows.
11. The home has been unoccupied for approximately 8 years.
12. The home and property are in a general state of disrepair.

**Chief McDonough** – Chief McDonough stated that he concurs with the findings of the former testimonies. He inspected the properties on 4/28/2021, at 3:00 p.m.; 5/3/2021, at 11:00 a.m.; and on 5/10/2021, at 1:00 p.m. He commented that the house does not appear to be habitable.

**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: 6:53 p.m.**