

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

**6:30 P.M.**

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

**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):**  
Freeman & Luvenia Wilson

**Location:**  
2511 Grove Road  
South Park, PA 15129  
Lot/Block No. 886-E-17

**Testimony** **Mr. Bonidie** – Mr. Bonidie stated that on 8/20/2019, advertising was sent to the Post-Gazette and published in the 8/30/2019 South Edition. On 8/21/2019, Certified and First Class Mail letters were sent to all owners of record, notifying them of the hearing. First Class mail was sent to 2511 Grove Road and was returned on 8/24/2019. Certified mail was sent to Mason (Aundre) McMurray, who is the grandson, and also to Wanda Fielding, the daughter. As of today, the mail has not been signed or returned. On 8/23/2019, 22 letters were sent to all property owners within a 200 foot radius. On 9/3/2019, the property at 2511 Grove Road and the Lobby of the Township Administration Building was posted, notifying residents of the hearing. An inspection of the property today indicated that there is no change in the condition, which includes high grass/weeds, dilapidated roof, damaged foundation, etc.

**Property Owners** – There were no property owners present.

**Residents** – There were no public comments made by residents.

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

**Mr. Sackinsky** – Mr. Sackinsky commented that he viewed the property and noticed high weeds, the garage door is partially opened, and scattered debris.

**Mr. Snee** – Mr. Snee concurred with Mr. Bonidie.

**Mr. Buchewicz** – Mr. Buchewicz commented that he viewed the property and stated that it is a mess.

**Mrs. Fosbaugh** – Mrs. Fosbaugh would like to enter into the record that she conducted inspections on the property located at 2511 Grove Road on the following dates, as required in the Code of the Township of South Park:

On 4/11/2019, there was no electrical service, as the meter was non-functioning. There was no gas service, as the meter was removed. The steps of the porch are missing, and there is no access to the front of the home. The garage door is damaged and cannot completely close. The foundation is collapsing in the front of the home and appears to be unstable. The foundation is also collapsing on the left side of the home. The porch railing is partially missing. The porch roof is in danger of collapsing, as a number of support posts are missing. The home is in a general state of disrepair.

On 8/15/2019, there were no changes other than an increase in weeds.

On 9/9/2019, there were no changes to the condition of the property.

**Chief McDonough** – Chief McDonough stated for the record that he conducted three inspections: 8/30/2019 at 12:00 noon, 9/3/2019 at 4:00 p.m., and 9/9/2019 at 12:00 noon. He added that he concurs with the testimonies of Mrs. Fosbaugh, Mr. Sackinsky and Mr. Bonidie. He stated that the structure is uninhabitable.

**Close Public Hearing**

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

**Adjournment**

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

**Time: 6:34 p.m.**