

**CAMP HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE ENACTMENT OF A ZONING AMENDMENT
TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE & ZONING MAP
OF THE BOROUGH OF CAMP HILL
2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL
CAMP HILL, PA 17011
December 10, 2014**

President Robelen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were:

Steve Brodie
Terri Edwards
Peter Robelen
Carl Schultz
Leigh Twiford
Richard Woodard

Also present were Chief Hockenberry, Solicitor Steve Feinour, Codes & Zoning Officer Chris Miller, and Nate Sterling as recording secretary.

Mr. Robelen stated the reason for the public hearing regarding the intent to consider the enactment of, a zoning amendment to the Borough of Camp Hill Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map was to hear public comment. Mr. Robelen requested that each speaker provide their name and address for the record.

Mr. Robelen asked Council if there were any initial comments to which there were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bonnie Bentz, 3015 Columbia Ave, spoke extensively on her concerns regarding the section allowing for Alternative Energy. Her concerns were specifically related to the inclusion of wind turbines to which she provided Council with a summary of her findings on the impact of wind turbines which was extensive. She stated there were 3 major areas of concern:
 1. Noise Pollution and mechanical harmonics: according to the research she presented wind turbines don't have a steady rotation so that creates spikes in decibel volumes. Also, the specifications of wind turbine manufactures suggest that they not be placed within 100ft of property lines due noise pollution levels however the proposed zoning change would allow for them to be placed in close proximity to homes and neighboring homes. She also described a comparable situation with a fan turbine installed at ADM that could be initially be heard at her

property. Upon her request ADM was able to add a silencer to the fan to reduce this noise pollution to acceptable levels.

2. Abandonment of wind turbines: Ms. Bentz stated the proposed zoning change did not address situations where a property had wind turbine installed but it was no longer in use. She felt there was nothing that could force the property owner to maintain them which could cause a safety issue. She gave a comparison stating that billboards in the Borough are not allowed to be left to decay. Ms. Bentz stated there should be an annual safety check and certificate issued at the very least if wind turbines would be permitted.
3. Lastly, Ms. Bentz expressed her concerns with the overall aesthetics of having the potential for 75' towers associated with wind turbines. Also, there could be new environment concerns with birds and bats.

There were no other public comments and Council thanked Ms. Bentz for her research done and bringing this matter to their attention.

The consensus was that council was not ready to vote on this issue and the hearing would likely need to be continued until next month and would likely occur at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 immediately before the regular monthly Council Meeting.

There being no further comments or discussion at this time the hearing ended at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Sterling