

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**May 12, 2022**

The special meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors to discuss the sign ordinance was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman Kevin Holtzinger. Vice Chairman Wes Thomason and Jason Phillips were also present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith. Kevin Fox, Engineer, Gannett, and Fleming; Rodney Hollabaugh, Beth Thomason and Jen Goldhahn.

Attorney Smith started by saying sign regulations are something the Board has full discretion to regulate. There are no mandates. However, the Supreme Court passed down that all non-commercial signs are all to be put in the same box for regulations. Examples of non-commercial signs would be political signs and real estate signs. Which means it is the same regulations for all commercial signs.

Chairman Holtzinger opened the meeting for public comments pertaining to the proposed sign ordinance.

Mr. Hollabaugh stated in the proposed ordinance it says that a zoning permit is required to replace a sign. Attorney Smith stated that a permit is not required if the sign is being refreshed. If it is being replaced advertising a completely new business sign then a permit would be required.

Mr. Hollabaugh questioned whether the township would have jurisdiction on private property and Attorney Smith stated that they would under the MPC.

Mr. Hollabaugh stated there are political signs that have been up forever using the Trump signs as an example.

Ms. Goldhan stated, if you wanted 4 or 5 signs on your property you would need a permit to install those signs. Attorney stated, no you would not. Under the new draft you would be exempt, you would just be limited to two and a certain size which the Board can decide to alter. Ms. Goldhan stated it is a decrease in size which limits the contents of the size. She stated she understands the safety issue in some signs, but you do not want to be too restrictive.

Attorney Smith stated the township can remove any signs that is in the right of way. You also can not place signs any where that would obstruct sight distance.

The proposed Ordinance will state to not exceed six square feet in size with up to four signs every two hundred feet not to exceed ten signs per lot.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm on a motion by Mr. Thomason, second by Mr. Phillips; motion carried.