

To: Supervisors, Planning Commission, Community members of
Zoning Discussion Group

I have some comments and observations regarding the discussion group.

1. The Silver lake Township web site is supposed to be the venue for residents to offer their thoughts and comments. There is no mechanism in place on the web site to do so. A simple thing like the township e-mail is not even listed.
2. Although Sandy Payne has listed the upcoming meeting dates, no links are provided to the Municipal Planning Code, Ordinances or some other documents as was discussed at first meeting.

Work Sessions:

Although the Chairman & Vice-Chairman of the discussion group selected by the Supervisors are the most vocal advocates of zoning, I was pleased with the opening work session. It seemed that everyone was approaching this with an open mind and all avenues were going to be explored, including ascertaining what powers were in place and identifying problems. In addition the hope was expressed to keep the residents in the loop through the SLT web site.

The next work session went downhill. It may be because the session was sidetracked because of Carson's participation. I don't believe anything was gained by his participation as most of his contribution consisted of things we have all heard before at various meetings. The "Homework" assignment consisted of reading more and more legislation, or a jumble of paperwork as alluded to by Tony Trescoske.

The third session was also a disappointment in my view. A lot of time was wasted going over definitions in the proposed zoning ordinance with certain words being omitted because a few individuals found them personally objectionable. Although I have not as yet received a definitive answer on

my inquiries, I suspect that the definitions listed are contained in and or derived from the Pa. Municipality Planning Codes and may not be subject to change.

I also felt that during the last session, that if someone on the committee expressed their opinion or made a suggestion in favor of something other than “zoning”, they were brushed aside or immediately challenged.

The first order of business as I see it, and as stated at first meeting should be to identify existing problems and those we want to prevent in the future and ascertain what type of undesirable conditions or businesses we would like to avoid or control in some way.

Our township already has an existing Saldo based on Act 247 of the Pa. Municipal Planning Code. The unadopted Saldo handed out to the board members is based on same Act. Why is the present Saldo no good and why is it not enforceable? Why will the adoption of a new Saldo or Zoning ordinance be any more enforceable?

For example, I hear grumbling from the Supervisors about the situation at Quaker lake. I cannot see why the set backs etc were not adhered to. According to present Saldo, any plans submitted after effective signing dates and amendment dates must comply with regulations.

We have a planning commission that knows the present Saldo and knows what problems it may have. I would like to hear more comments from them and hear their ideas rather than studying new sets of rules and regulations.

I want to thank you for taking the time to read my take on these discussions from the spectator side of the table and for giving of your time to attend these meetings. I believe we all have the same goal - doing what is best for our township and its residents.

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