

**EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARINGS
AGENDA
PUGH PROPERTY
BLANK PROPERTY**

**January 7, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

- I. Proposed acquisition of open space property interests –
Property of Alan and Cynthia Pugh – UPI 69-07-105**

- II. Proposed acquisition of open space property interests –
Property of David G. and Mattie R. Blank – UPI 69-07-100, 69-07-101**

**MINUTES
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JANUARY 7, 2008**

The Public Hearings of the East Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors were held in the Township Building on January 7, 2008. Those present were: Chairman Leo M. Levandowski, Vice-Chairman Michael P. Miller, Supervisor Percy Reynolds, Supervisor Gene Turns, Supervisor Charles D. Shelton, Treasurer Suzanne Hamlin, Zoning Officer P.J. Scheese, Secretary Pat Brady, Solicitor Helen Esbenshade and numerous guests.

The Hearings were called to order at 7:33 P.M. by Chairman Leo M. Levandowski..

Chairman Levandowski read the advertisement and turned the Hearings over to Helen Esbenshade, Esquire. Reference was made to publication of notice of the Hearings in the Daily Local News on December 24, 2007 and December 31, 2007.

Solicitor Helen Esbenshade stated the purpose of the two Hearings was to present information on two properties over portions of which the Township is considering acquiring agricultural conservation easements. The Township's proposed purchase is subject to compliance with the Pennsylvania statutes controlling conservation easements and the earned income tax provisions adopted by referendum by the citizens of East Nottingham. In exchange for payment of the purchase price for each of the easements from earned income tax funds either directly or through debt service, the Township would acquire a permanent easement restricting the land to agricultural use in perpetuity. The open space benefit is to protect and conserve farmland in the Township.

Solicitor Esbenshade then stated the first proposed acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement is the property of Alan & Cynthia Pugh known as Jordan Bank Farm, located at 355 Media Road, consisting of 53.782 acres, Parcel #69-07-105.

Purchase of the easement was recommended by the Township Open Space Committee and the Board of Supervisors previously approved an offer of \$12,000.00 per surveyed acre, making the proposed purchase price \$645,384.00 in total.

Solicitor Esbenshade asked if anyone was here to represent the Pugh's or had any comments.

Vice-Chairman Miller questioned Solicitor Esbenshade concerning the time line. Solicitor Esbenshade confirmed first there is a Public Hearing, then they sign the Agreement, they abide by the conditions of the Agreement and then the Closing.

Members of the public in attendance asked questions regarding the program, funding, etc., but no particular questions or comments were raised concerning the Pugh farm.

Solicitor Esbenshade went on to the proposed acquisition of open space property of David G. and Mattie R. Blank located at 630 Barren Road consisting of up to 74.047 acres, Parcel #69-07-100 and #69-07-101.

The Township Open Space Committee recommended consideration of the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement over the Blank property. The Board of Supervisors previously approved a purchase offer of \$12,000.00 per surveyed acre, based on an appraisal performed by Bohem Appraisal Associates. The proposed total price of an easement over the Blank farm, if all 74.047 surveyed acres are included, is \$888,564.00.

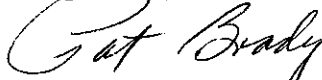
Solicitor Esbenshade asked if any one was at the Hearing representing the Blank's. No comment.

Adjournment- Upon no further comments, Solicitor Esbenshade recommended that the Hearings be closed; a motion was made and seconded by Supervisor Shelton to adjourn the Hearings at 8:05 P.M..


Aye: 5


Nay: 0

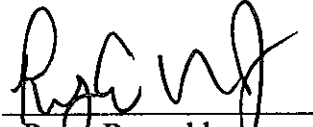
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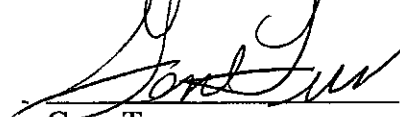

Pat Brady, Secretary

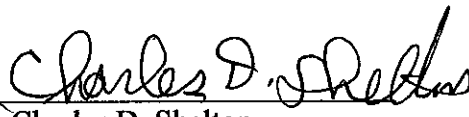
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