

**DOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 22ND, 2020**

The Dover Township Board of Supervisors' Work Session Meeting for Monday, June 22nd, 2020, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Stephen Stefanowicz in the Meeting Room of the Dover Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Michael Cashman, Stephen Parthree, Charles Richards and Robert Stone. Other Township Representatives in attendance were Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager; Township Public Works Director, Michael Fleming, Township Zoning Officer, John McLucas, Township Solicitor, Charles Rausch and Township Secretary, Tiffany Strine. There were no citizens present. This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minutes only.

STREET OBSTRUCTIONS ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Manager Oswalt stated that this work session is being held for the purposes of discussing the Dover Township Street Obstruction Ordinance. Manager Oswalt informed the Board of Supervisors that there have been some enforcement issues with regards to street obstructions within the Township which warranted the need for discussion.

J. McLucas stated that Dover Township Zoning and Public Works personnel have been dealing with many street obstructions issues in recent months. As a result, both the Dover Township Zoning department and the Public Works department have been working together to help correct the problems within the community. It was collectively discussed and proposed to implement a Dover Township Street Obstruction Ordinance.

A proposed Dover Township Street Obstruction Ordinance was drafted and presented to the Board of Supervisors for amendments and comments in January 2020. Since the proposed draft and public work session meeting on the Street Obstruction Ordinance in January 2020, the necessary amendments have been made and revised outline is being presented during this evenings Work Session Meeting.

J. McLucas summarized the areas of specific issue in the proposed, amended ordinance. The specific areas being addressed include but are not limited to fines of penalty and fine fees, disconnected trailers, trees in a clear-sight-triangle and so forth. The proposed amended ordinance has been created to be more enforceable and to canvas a broader need within the current Dover Township Ordinances.

M. Cashman inquired as to the timeframe for removal, when enforcing the proposed Street Obstruction ordinance?

J. McLucas stated that the proposed Street Obstruction ordinance implements a twenty-four-hour time period, or removal by sunset of the same day of notice, of violation.

C. Richards inquired as to the tree trimming distance above sidewalks?

M. Fleming stated that the American with Disabilities Act depicts a nine feet distance of tree limbs, above sidewalks.

J. McLucas stated that the trimming and maintenance of shrubbery and so forth with regards to the Dover Township Right of Ways has been combined within the newly proposed Street Obstruction ordinance.

R. Stone inquired as to if there will be language present within the newly proposed Street Obstruction ordinance that clarifies that the new ordinance will now supersede all previous language.

Manager Oswalt responded stating that some sections of the current Dover Township ordinance will be deleted, and some sections will reference other sections of the current Dover Township Ordinance for better understanding and clarification.

It was noted that residents previously have voiced concerns regarding limited ability for children to play basketball and that the utilization of portable basketball hoops were desired.

M. Cashman noted that he feels that recreation is a little underserved within the Dover community and added that he wanted to make everyone aware to be mindful of such.

It was noted that public services and the public must be kept safe and the streets and roadways free and clear from obstructions. The matters of public safety must remain steadfast within the Dover Township community.

S. Parthree inquired as to whom would be enforcing the proposed Dover Township Street Obstruction ordinance?

J. McLucas stated that the Dover Township Zoning Officer, the Dover Township Manager, or a different Dover Township Public Works Supervisory staff member.

M. Cashman inquired if an individual would be able to obtain a waiver to the proposed Dover Township Street Obstruction Ordinance?

Manager Oswalt stated that private streets and roadways, not owned by Dover Township, would not be affected by the proposed Dover Township Street Obstruction Ordinance.

The full board inquired on the next action for the proposed Dover Township Street Obstruction ordinance.

Manager Oswalt stated that if the full board agreed, the board would then instruct Solicitor Rausch to finalize and advertise the final draft of the Dover Township Street Obstruction Ordinance for public adoption.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Stefanowicz at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Tiffany Strine, Recording Township Secretary