

**DOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 9th, 2023**

The Dover Township Board of Supervisors Work Session for Monday, January 9th, 2023, was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Stephen Stefanowicz in the Dover Township Board of Supervisors meeting room. Supervisors present were Chuck Richards and Stephen Parthree. Robert Stone and Michael Cashman were absent with prior notification. Other Township Representatives in attendance were Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager; John McLucas, Planning Director; and Brooke Scarce, Township Secretary. There was 1 member of the public present.

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minutes only.

INTERVIEW GINA MYERS REGARDING HER VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Gina Myers stated she has lived in Dover for about 28 years and has helped working at voting polls for over 20 years. She worked as a paralegal for 35 years in Harrisburg and had the opportunity to retire early so she would like to volunteer her time and give back to the community.

G. Myers acknowledged that there is a lot to learn and is willing to learn.

C. Richards stated that he thinks G. Myers can bring a lot of her background knowledge to the Township.

J. McLucas questioned why she selected to serve on the Planning Committee and Industrial/ Commercial Development Committee when her community interests are parks, recreation, and community activities.

G. Myers stated she is happy to serve on any board that is needed.

C. Richards questioned if G. Myers is opposed to the idea of joining the Joint Recreation Board.

Manager Oswalt stated that there is not currently a Joint Recreation Board, however the Township would like to start one. The Township is in the process of a Joint Recreation Plan with Dover Borough that is making recommendations on having a committee to help the Township Recreation Director plan events.

G. Myers stated that she started attending the Industrial/ Commercial Development Committee because she was unaware of what the committee was, and it seemed interesting to attend the meetings.

J. McLucas stated that there is an alternate position on the Zoning Hearing Board that is vacant.

G. Myers stated that she is happy to serve on any board where help is needed.

J. McLucas questioned if G. Myers was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board how she would balance her goals as a resident and serve the goals of the community.

G. Myers stated that she would do her best to stay impartial and work within the existing ordinances.

Manager Oswalt stated that the Zoning Hearing Board is Quasi-Judicial Board and as such the decision on a case is able to be appealed. The case could be challenged by the applicant, a group, or even the Board of Supervisors should the decision be one for which there is opposition.

G. Myers stated that she worked in law office before retiring so she has gone through ethical training to know what is proper versus improper and any conflict of interest.

S. Stefanowicz stated it is important to see matters from both sides of an issue.

S. Parthree noted that Board of Supervisors tries to do what is best overall for the Township.

C. Richards stated that once residents find out you are on a Board of Committee for the Township, residents will approach you with questions and concerns.

J. McLucas stated that G. Myers would be a good benefit to the Zoning Hearing Board or the Joint Recreation Board.

Manager Oswalt noted that the Joint Recreation Board is not fully established yet since there are still some items that need to be worked out, however the Zoning Hearing Board only has meetings when there is an application that is submitted. With the Joint Recreation Board there may not be a meeting every month but there will be community events every month at which Mrs. Myers could volunteer.

With no further discussion on this matter, Chairperson Stephen Stefanowicz adjourned the Work Session at 6:52 PM to be followed by the regular Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Brooke Scarce

Brooke M. Scarce, Township Secretary