

Mount Holly Springs Planning Commission  
Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-02 and 2017-03  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

**I. Call to order**

Steve Blair called to order the regular meeting of the Mount Holly Springs Planning Commission at 7:01 p.m. on May 22, 2017 at 200 Harman Street Mount Holly Springs Pennsylvania in the Borough Council Chambers.

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Steve Blair, Pam Still, Merle Barclay, David Toner, Mount Holly Springs Borough Solicitor Mark Allshouse, Borough Manager and Police Chief Thomas Day, Mayor P. Scott Boise, Council President James Collins II, Vice President Leroy (Cork) Shildt, Pro-Tem Deborah Halpin-Brophy, Councilwoman Lois Stoner, and Councilman Edgar Kendall.

Ms. Still motioned to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2017 meeting. David Toner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**III. Public Hearing- Ordinance #2017-02 and #2017-03**

Citizens to be Heard:

**Katie Daniels of 128 Yates Street-** Ms. Daniels read a letter from the Yellow Breeches Watershed Association highlighting their concerns on the zoning change. The letter is attached to the minutes.

**Tim Spease of 125 Yates Street-** Mr. Spease has lived at his property from 1979. He shared concerns regarding water run-off and damage, also homes that are proposed to go into the area and their burden on the water and sewer system. There is an ore hole that he was concerned that it will contaminate the well water.

**Zack Barrens of 127 Yates Street-** Mr. Barrens shared that some erosion has already effected his home. He believes the erosion is a result of timbering done in the area. He believes that the erosion has contributed to the sinking of his home. He spent 5 thousand dollars to raise the corner of his home. He would hate to see a change, he has nice neighbors and a good view.

**Holly Shue of 103 Yates Street-** Ms. Shue's home faces the ore hole. She lives next to the stream that feeds the ore hole. She is concerned about the building and removing natural springs. She commented on the status of the Blue Heron nesting. She does not know how it would be possible to build on marsh, springs, and birds. She has a well. She asked who would be responsible if she got a sinkhole due to the change in the flow of the water.

**Elle Spease of 125 Yates Street-** Ms. Spease has lived at her address for 38 years. She stated she has noticed a difference in run-off. The creek is changing due to run off from 94 and taking sand and silt. She believes it is due to the first and second logging. She is concerned about what would happen if a housing development on the property. She feels it will get worse. She has drainage problems from run-off from 34. She feels there is continuing problem. She mentioned a potential violation that may have already occurred in relation to removing trees from a slope.

**Don Carr of 101 Yates Street-** He observed due to the recent timbering his well got a lot of sediment. It seemed to coincide with the timbering and has begun to subside. He asked what caused the change.

**Mackenzie Wykoff of 22 East Pine Street-** The only notification she received was the posting in the yard. She commented that the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was not on the letter. The letter only notified of the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting date. She asked if they were aware of the plans of the paper mill. She stated that they had already began logging. Mr. Collins told her that the paper mill is able to remove trees under the current zoning ordinance. She asked if the borough was aware of what they were working on, Mr. Collins stated that he did not, but she could ask the owner. Mr. Rickart responded that they were simply doing spring maintenance. They were removing dead or blighted trees and planting new ones. Ms. Wykoff then showed on the map where the trees were being removed, he explained that they are being pruned.

**Josh Yoe of 122 Yates Street-** Mr. Yoe stated he was located at the last house before you get to the train track. They currently have issues with trash. He enjoys the wildlife that come into his yard.

The present individuals at the meeting engaged in a general discussion regarding the expressed opinions of the residents.

Mr. Collins, Council President asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mrs. Stoner at 7:45pm.