Houserville Pa.
June 14 1965

a Special Meeting was Held at Houserville School to Discuss Proposed Zoning for College Twp at 8:00 o'clock
Mr Bunker Presiding at Meeting Mr. Weaver and Mr William Wise also Present

The Board of Supervisors approved 2 Plat Plans for Home Rights and He Ethy Presented By Planning Commission a Motion By Mr Bunker Second By Mr Williams all unanimous a grand a fee of 1000 each was Collected

In College Township:

100 Residents Attend Zoning Change Hearing

A public hearing held last night on the zoning ordinance proposed for College Township, which would zone a portion of Rt. 322 in the township commercial, was attended by more than 100 township residents and other interested persons.

Most of the nearly three-hour session was devoted to a heated discussion of the proposed general commercial zoning of a tract of land bordering both sides of Rt. 322 from Branch Rd. south to a point 350 feet north of Twigg's Ln.

The hearing, called by the township supervisors, was conducted by Fred Turner of Kendree and Shepherd, planning consultants. In the Kendree plan for College Township, the area along Rt. 322 was to be zoned low-density residential.

Many residents of the area near the proposed commercial tract were on hand to contest the township planning commission's decision to extend the zone well beyond the commercial zone recommended in the Kendree plan.

J. Kenneth Walker, chairman of the planning commission, pointed out that the commission's function was to refine the consultants' proposal and better fit it to the needs of the community.

Elmer Tewksbury, secretary of the planning commission, said the decision to zone the land for general commercial use was based upon the need for planned commercial development in the township and a request from the owner of the land, J. C. Meyer, to have it zoned commercially. The decision for commercial zoning is subject to revision before the supervisors take a final vote on the proposed ordinance.

Residents of the area contend that extending the commercial zone to an area near the borders of established residential areas such as Harris Acres and Twigg's Ln., will detract greatly from the beauty of the environment.

It was also pointed out that strip commercial development, such as the one proposed, is strongly opposed in the Kendree and Shepherd comprehensive development plan for the Centre Region.

Donald Lee, attorney for the Meyer family and vice chairman of the Centre County Planning Commission, told the meeting that a West Penn Power Company high-tension line intersecting the property is not especially suitable for residential zoning.

Ronald Sheetz, who defeated Rev. Robert Bunker in the May primary for the Republican nomination for College Township supervisor, warned of future problems that could result if commercial growth is stunted by planning.

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A poll of College Township residents present at the hearing showed 48 opposed to the proposed commercial zoning of the tract and none in favor of it. The poll is not binding, but the supervisors said they would use it as a point of reference.

Edward Mittlernan submitted a request, based on an architect's study, to have the number of loading and unloading docks required for a commercial building adjusted to accommodate a 100,000-square-foot building.

A final draft of the proposed zoning ordinance, as amended by the planning commission following last night's meeting, will be aired at a meeting of the supervisors before they take final action on the ordinance.

Lester M Weaver
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