

July 7, 2015, Public Hearing

The Clarion Borough Council held a Public Hearing on July 7, 2015, at 6:45 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Clarion Free Library, the purpose of the hearing was to receive testimony regarding a request from Mr. and Mrs. Sean Connell for a Simple Sub-Division of property located in the University Manor Development of Clarion Borough.

A list of those people in attendance is attached to the Official File Copy of these minutes.

Dr. Sanders Dédé, Chair of the Housing and Zoning Committee, called the hearing to order at 6:47 p.m.

Dr. Sanders Dédé announced Mr. and Mrs. Connell wish to convey a .127 acre (5557 sq. ft.) section along the northwest boundary of their property (Lot #21) at 435 Gemmell Drive for sale to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Maturani, 433 Gemmell Drive. Dr. Sanders Dédé asked Mr. Connell for any comments.

Mr. Connell stated basically all the sub-division will do is take the property and squaring it off to make it more appealing. The Maturanis' are buying it to build a fence. Right now, this little sliver of property cuts straight up into the Maturanis' backyard. Mr. Connell reported it will not decrease the value in the property at all. A big difference is it gets rid of two sewer lines that are on the Connells' property and now will reduce it to only 1.

Dr. Sanders Dédé asked for any questions from Councilmembers?

Mr. Noto inquired if the Maturani's are planning on doing any sewerage or water collection?

Mr. Connell commented no, it will stay the same. In an effort to see why so much water comes off the top on to their properties, the Chief and city engineer came out to the site and see no reason why it does. Upon recommendation of the city engineer, the Connells and Maturanis put in sump pumps, which is all that can really be done with it.

Dr. Sanders Dédé asked the Solicitor if he researched the issue about whether or not Council will violate any of the covenants if the sub-division is approved?

Solicitor Marshall informed everyone Council does not. The only thing Council is entitled to enforce is the Borough ordinance and to apply the ordinance. As long as the Borough requirements are met, then Council has nothing to do with the private covenants.

Dr. Sanders Dédé asked for any other questions or comments from citizens attending the hearing?

There were none.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Dr. Sanders Dédé adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m. with action to be taken at the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Mark E. Hall, Borough Secretary