

COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

Patricia G. Geissman reconvened the public hearing from December 17, 2007, with Stephen D. Hambley present. (Ms. Ray was on vacation.)

Mrs. Geissman said the purpose of the public hearing was to continue discussing the petition for the vacation of a portion of Arborcrest Drive in the Arborcrest Reserve Subdivision in Hinckley Township. A sign up sheet is attached. The meeting was adjourned instead of recessed to allow the parties involved to try to come to some type of an agreement. Mrs. Geissman opened the floor to comments.

Mark Iacona, Preferred Development and owner of the property, referred the Commissioners to a letter he sent to Maria Skorichenko, the owner of the adjacent property who objected to vacating the stub street because she did not want to lose access to the rear of her property from the stub street in case of future development. He proposed what he felt was the best solution for her, Hinckley Township, and himself. Hinckley Township Trustees support vacating the stub street and making it a permanent cul-de-sac. He asked Ms. Skorichenko if she wanted to trade “slivers” of land that would enable them both to have the frontage required to conform to Hinckley zoning requirements, but she turned him down. Mr. Iacona felt he had no choice but to follow through on the vacation request at that point.

Andy Conrad, Assistant County Engineer, said he had nothing to add from the last hearing except that he since received from the Commissioners’ Clerk a copy of the letter from Hinckley Township Trustees in support of vacating the stub at the end of Arborcrest and making it a cul-de-sac.

Mr. Iacona stated that Ms. Skorichenko represented that she had always depended on the stub to be there, but there was no stub in the initial plan for senior housing. That plan was denied and the two subsequent plans also did not contemplate a stub street. The stub from the cul-de-sac came about because he proposed it at the Planning Commission meeting in order to get approval for the plan. Ms. Skorichenko did not have knowledge of it until later. With the stub street vacation she would be where she was originally, with full access off Babcock Road. He said he “put himself in her shoes” to see if this would be hurting her and he felt comfortable with his request. The property has wetlands and lack of a location for a septic system that would prohibit a buildable home site adjacent to the stub.

Mr. Hambley said he recollected that the stub street was primarily a creation and recommendation of the Planning Department’s staff to the Planning Commission and became a requirement of the Planning Commission. There was disagreement with the Hinckley Township Trustees regarding the requirement, which has become an issue with Hinckley. He agreed that the plan was for it to be a cul-de-sac from Mr. Iacona’s standpoint and Hinckley Township’s standpoint.

At 10:28 a.m., Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the public hearing and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-fifth day of February 2008.

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Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Patricia G. Geissman

OF _____
Stephen D. Hambley

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Sharon A. Ray