

MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH
MARCH 7, 2016
6:45 PM

At 6:45 PM, Council President Wilwert called the Public Hearing for Public Input on the revised Shed Ordinance to order. He welcomed all present and turned the Hearing over to Solicitor Maddren.

The record shows that the Public Hearing was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center. The following people were seated at the Council Table: Ms. Sawicki, Mr. Linowski, Mr. LaPera, Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Wilwert, Ms. Leslie, Mr. Donaway, Solicitor Maddren, and Secretary McKinley. The record also shows this Public Hearing was properly advertised in the Delaware County Daily Times and Proof of Publication was provided. Maria Lairdieson O'Neill, Registered Professional Reporter, from Media Court Reporting was present to record the public hearing.

Mr. Maddren said that the revised Shed Ordinance had been reviewed by the Borough's Ordinance Committee, Delaware County Planning and Brookhaven Planning Commissions. He explained the revisions and the reasons for them. He gave as exhibit A the proof of publication for this hearing, a copy of the letter from Delaware County Planning Commission recommending approval of the ordinance and a copy of the minutes of the Brookhaven Planning Commission meeting where they recommended approval of the ordinance. The ordinance amends Section 1456.04 of the Borough Code which pertains to sheds.

Councilman Linowski said he had been approached by a couple of people in the last week or so that have applied for shed permits and they were told they have to have a 4" concrete pad. Would this revision change that? Mr. Maddren said it would. Mayor Hess asked if the people who spoke to Mr. Linowski about the 4" concrete base got their permits. Mr. Linowski said they did. Councilman Donaway asked why we are doing away with the concrete base. Mr. Maddren said it is Mr. Catania's recommendation because the floors these sheds are built in a way that the base has become unnecessary. This was a comment we received from Delaware County Planning the first time they reviewed the proposed revisions. Mr. Donaway said they are building a better product now right? Mr. Maddren said yes.

Mike Ruggieri, 112 East Garrison Road, spoke seeing on television home improvement shows when putting an addition on a house they pour about a 3" or 4" concrete slab. These are referred to in the vernacular as a rat slap. Concrete tends to not allow vermin like groundhogs from digging up underneath the shed and getting into it from underneath. It doesn't matter what everyone says but they still put concrete slabs in.

Harold Hampton, 4433 Houston Street, said that our original Shed Ordinance was passed in 1991. He spoke about sheds being placed on 4' x 4' skids. He would like to see that these 4' x 4' skids are required to be covered up with screening to prevent animals from getting under the shed. Mr. Maddren said

Councilman Donaway asked if Mr. Hampton was consulted during the revision of the ordinance. Mr. Maddren said that these revisions went through our Ordinance Committee, Delaware County Planning Commission and our Planning Commission. Both Delaware County Planning and our Planning did approve these revisions. Mr. Maddren said that Mr. Hampton was not the Zoning Officer at the time these revisions were being recommended.

There was no one else who wished to offer input and the Public Hearing was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley, Borough Secretary