

Agenda

October 18, 2017

Honey Brook Township Dog Kennel Task Force

Meeting Facilitator: Amos Kauffman

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Janne Ruffini
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Abner Stoltzfus
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7:00 pm Call to order.

- Review Agenda
 - Any additions, deletions, modifications?
- Review of the meeting minutes from October 9, 2017.
 - Motion to adopt the meeting minutes.

Topics for Discussion (Task Force Committee can decide the order in which to address the issues shown below and can add to the list.)

1. Meeting schedule – how many meetings will be conducted?
2. How do we arrange a tour/visit to some kennels?
3. Communication – Are we doing a good job of getting the word out to the community? Any suggestions to improve?
4. Ordinance - keeping of animals
5. Selling of dogs, no matter how many, is considered a kennel.
6. State Dog Law – review and discuss.
7. Noise and traffic
8. Other municipal ordinances
 - From surrounding municipalities
 - From municipalities with similar conditions such as predominately rural/agricultural use
9. Acreage and setback requirements
10. Health and welfare of the dogs
11. Set time limit for the meetings at two hours?

Compile the list of recommendations gathered in the meeting.

Set date for next meeting and remaining meetings

Public Forum

Motion to adjourn

Addendum

Outside help

- Invite Chester County Dog Warden, Maureen Siddons
- Dog kennel associations (we had a member at the first meeting)
- Representative from the Department of Agriculture

Two questions to consider

At several of the conditional use hearings for the approval to operate a dog kennel a complaint was given about the real estate value depreciating due to the proliferation of the dog kennels. The Board of Supervisors was sent a complaint and this point was made. Do we limit the number of dog kennels allowed to operate to limit or reduce the noise?

Another question that has come up and that is what happens to dogs that can no longer breed?

How do we make a recommendation?

After an issue is presented to the Task Force and a public discussion is heard, a motion to present the issue with one of more recommendations is made. This recommendation will be added to a list of recommendations at the last task force meeting.

Present the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

Determine who will present the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at the December 13, 2017 meeting. The Board will receive the recommendations and advise the Township Solicitor and Township Zoning Officer of the recommendations.

The Board of Supervisors will address the recommendations at the Board of Supervisors Workshop meeting. This is a public meeting in which the Board of supervisors review the agenda for the next Board meeting. The Planning Commission will be involved and will review and make recommendations that are presented to the Board of Supervisors.

The Spring edition of the Honey Brook Township newsletter should provide an update on what progress would be made on the recommendations from the Dog Kennel Task Force.

Disbandment of the Dog Kennel Task Force Committee

The guidelines for this task force that were published on the Township web site does not address the question of when the task force is released of its duties. It is assumed that will be the end of November when the Dog Kennel Task Force Committee will have completed the task of providing recommendations. It will be the decision of the Committee to decide if an additional meeting will be needed in 2018 or to make a motion to close the Committee at that last meeting.