

# Charter Township of Breitung Zoning Board of Appeals

April 8, 2004

The Breitung Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was called to order by Rich Wales at 6:30 P.M.

**Present:** R. Wales, J. Pietrantonio, B. Werner, A.P. Bellmore, T. Sullivan,  
Superintendent Steve Soltis.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

The board agreed that Wales would conduct the meeting until new officers were elected for the board.

Wales requested Sullivan take the meeting minutes until a Secretary was elected. Sullivan agreed.

**Public comment:** None

**Election of Officers:** Wales opened the floor for nomination of officers. Werner nominated Pietrantonio for Chairman, Sullivan supported. Pietrantonio nominated Werner for Chairman; Wales discussed a possible conflict due to Werner already being on the Planning commission. There was no support for the motion by Pietrantonio. A vote was taken for the motion to elect Peitrantonio to Chairman; Wales-yes, Bellmore-yes, Werner-yes, Sullivan-yes, Peitrantonio-yes.

Wales turned over the meeting to Chairman Peitrantonio. Peitrantonio asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Wales nominated Sullivan, Bellmore supported. Peitrantonio nominated Werner, Sullivan supported. After some discussion Peitrantonio asked for a vote on the Sullivan nomination. Wales-yes Bellmore-yes, Peitrantonio-no, Werner-no, Sullivan-no. Peitrantonio asked for a vote on the Werner nomination; Peitrantonio-yes, Werner-yes, Sullivan-yes, Wales-no, Bellmore-no. Werner was elected Vice Chairman.

Chairman Peitrantonio opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Wales nominated Sullivan for Secretary, Werner supported. Peitrantonio asked for a vote on Sullivan as Secretary; Wales-yes, Bellmore-yes, Werner-yes, Sullivan-yes, Peitrantonio-yes. Sullivan was elected as Secretary.

Motion by Wales, seconded by Werner to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2003 meeting; all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Wales, supported by Werner to accept the agenda; all ayes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** Sullivan excused himself from the board, as the hearing involved his property & business.

- a) U.P. Truck Center, Inc. request for variance for a new sign. Chairman Peitrantonio asked why the new sign was needed. Sullivan stated his franchise agreement with Western Star and Sterling Trucks required a "stand alone" sign. He would like to keep the existing sign that indicates the name of his business. Peitrantonio asked why the sign would need the square footage and height. Sullivan stated because of the railroad between his property and the highway, and the occasional parking of railroad cars, both features would be necessary for the sign to be effective. Soltis stated the U.P. Truck Center signs would be the only signs along the south side of U.S.-2 until the Bertoldi Oil signs, 1500 feet to the East. Werner noted he thought the signage zoning was probably too restrictive and should be reviewed again for possible changes. Wales moved and Werner supported to approve the variance with the stipulation to remove non-franchise required signs on the original sign display; Wales-yes, Werner-yes, Peitrantonio-yes, Bellmore-yes.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Correspondence / Information:**

- a) Zoning Bulletin February & March 10, 2004

**Board Discretionary Time:**

Steve Soltis advised the board of the Task Force Meetings being held the second Tuesday of every month. He also suggested a June meeting to approve the minutes of this meeting if the board did not meet again before that time. He suggested the time frame between this meeting and the last one was too long for approving the minutes (over 6 months).

Motion by Werner, supported by Bellmore to adjourn; all ayes, motion carried. Chairman Peitrantonio adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals.