

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING            JULY 19, 2022**

The Public Hearing of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Solicitor Michael A. Setley at 6:45 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were Sam Kalbach, Ruth O'Leary, William B. Miller, Lisha Rowe and David J. Batdorf. Also attending were, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Business /Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston, and Asst. Secretary/Projects Patricia A. Wylezik-Pfeiffer.

Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag.

**ORDINANCE TO VACATE ANGSTADT LANE**

- A) Notice to Property Owners, dated 7/06/2021
- B) Public Hearing and Ordinance advertised 7/05/2022

**NOTICE:**

Public comment will be accepted in person. Please include your first name, last name and address for all comments. Any comments without a name or address will not be considered. To accommodate as many people as possible, we request that each person's comments be limited to 3 minutes. The meeting comment period is limited to a total of 60 minutes. This time period may be extended at the discretion of the Commissioners. While public comments will be given due consideration, immediate responses will be done at the discretion of the Commissioners.

**PUBLIC**

Attendance: Gregg Hafer, Anthony Bodenfield, Evan Sowers, Julia Hurle, and Jacob Gardner.

Julia Hurle, a representative from the non-profit Schuylkill River Trail Group, addressed the Board with concerns about the Thun Trail intersection in this area. She said that the Charlie Marshall Trailhead is located at Angstadt Lane. Her concern is about the availability of parking if the road is vacated by the Township. There are currently 25 parking spaces. She explained the benefits of the local trails for the community. She and her organization do not want the Township to vacate Angstadt Lane.

Anthony Bodenfield, attorney for the H&K Group, stated that his clients own 2 properties off of Angstadt Lane. The businesses are Rhan's Concrete and the asphalt plant. H&K Group is opposed to the ordinance. They would like the Township to continue to operate and maintain the road. Angstadt Lane provides access to 8 parcels of land.

Evan Sowers, an engineer for the H&K Group, pointed out a technical error in the ordinance. He stated that the road is 54 feet wide and not 22.5 feet as stated in the proposed ordinance. He provided a copy of deed 2017023701 which refers to Angstadt Lane as being 54 feet wide. He also referenced SALDO (502.B.) that a local road has a right-of-way of 54 feet.

Mr. Setley stated that it is not the intent to close or block the road. The property owners would own the road.

Gregg Hafer of Hafer Equipment does not want people to park on SR724. He also confirmed that many people use the trail.

Ms. Rowe asked if the trailhead would be in danger if the road was private. Mr. Setley said that the property owners could grant a public easement.

Ms. Rowe asked if there was more wear and tear on this road due to the heavy equipment traveling on this road. Mr. McNichols said yes and that the Township does not plow this road.

Mr. McNichols asked if the road was vacated, would it be treated like an alley. Mr. Setley stated that it would not and that the property owners would need to grant an easement to park and use the trailhead.

Mr. McNichols stated that the road would be expensive to reconstruct due to the heavy wear and tear. Atty. Bodenfield stated that H&K had recently repaired the road at their cost.

Mr. Setley reminded the Board that they did not have to make a decision tonight.


Mr. Miller stated that all the roads need maintenance. This road is not high on the priority list so it probably will not be reconstructed in the near future.

Mr. Setley thanked everyone for attending.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Setley closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeanne E. Johnston  
Manager/Secretary