

PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023

6:45 P.M.

Roll Call Walt Sackinsky presiding. Board members Ed Snee and Brian Lucot were present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Dennis McDonough, Chief of Police; Tom Bonidie, Code Enforcement Officer; Aaron Laughlin, Public Works Director; and Irv Firman, Esq., Township Solicitor.

Purpose of Hearing The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take oral or written testimony on the condition of the following property to determine if the property should be declared a Public Nuisance by the Board of Supervisors, and subject to enforcement measures, including the possible demolition of the structure:

Owner(s):

Richard Perlick (Deceased)

Location:

5856 Curry Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
Lot/Block No. 473-R-185

Testimony **Mr. Bonidie** – Mr. Bonidie read into the record the following: The owner was found deceased after a fire was distinguished at the residence on 2/28/2023. A site inspection from the street was conducted on 5/5/2023, and the following was observed: trash, old tires, wood and debris; the gas and electric meters were removed; roof and wall in rear of garage are collapsing; gutters are falling off the structure; holes on the front porch roof; many pieces of wood siding are missing or are separating from the house, leaving an entryway for rodents; overgrown brush and trees are enveloping the abandoned structure. The property is in an overall deplorable condition and unfit for occupancy. On 6/12/2023, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing for this evening, 7/10/2023, to determine if the property should be declared a public nuisance and subject to abatement procedures. On 6/15/2023, a Legal Advertisement was sent to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and published in the South Edition on 6/29/2023. On 6/16/2023, certified and first class letters were sent to the following addresses: John and Joanne Perlick, 112 Constitution Circle, Clairton, PA 15025 – John signed for the certified mail on 6/20/2023; Patricia Guidish (daughter), 1680 Citation Drive, South Park, PA 15129 – Patricia signed for the certified mail on 6/23/2023; Vicent Paul and Marie Perlick, 1056 7th Street, West Elizabeth, PA 15088 -Marie signed for the certified mail on 6/20/2023; Christine Perlick (daughter), 25 Arla Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 – Township

received certified green card unsigned on 6/22/2023; Milan Rick Perlick, 2128 Milltown Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 – Township did not receive certified green card. On 6/23/2023, letters were sent to all property owners within a 200-foot radius, notifying them of the Public Hearing. On 6/30/2023, signs were posted at 5856 Curry Road and in the South Park Township Administration Building Lobby, giving notification of the Public Hearing. Also on 6/30/2023, the Township Code Enforcement Office received a phone call from Patti Guidish stating that her family has no interest in the 5856 Curry Road property. On 7/6/2023, the Township received an email from Richard Perlick's daughter, Patti Guidish, on behalf of the family, which read:

“Mr. Bonidie: As per our conversation on Friday, 6/30/2023, with regard to our father Richard Perlick's property, we are writing to inform you that our father had no will, no estate and no assets. The Perlick family (Milan Perlick, Patricia Guidish, Christine Perlick, Vicent/Marie Perlick and John/Joann Perlick) have no interest in the Curry Road property and, therefore, no estate will be opened. Sincerely, The Perlick Family”

On 7/7/2023, the Code Enforcement Office performed an additional inspection and pictures were taken.

Josh Wallace, 5858 Curry Road – Mr. Wallace stated that he lives next door to the subject property. He commented that there are racoons in the house and garage, and the grass/weeds are overgrown. There was a bag of deceased cats in the backyard. Mr. Wallace remarked that the condition of the property is unsafe.

Mr. Firman – Mr. Firman had no comments.

Mr. Lucot – Mr. Lucot stated that he has driven by the property on many occasions, including this week and the past two weeks. He concurs with Mr. Bonidie's assessment of the property, which is very overgrown and the structure in need of major repairs.

Mr. Snee - Mr. Snee stated that as required, he inspected the property on July 5, July 9, and July 10, 2023. He commented that the property is in deplorable condition, and he concurs with Mr. Bonidie's and Mr. Lucot's testimonies.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky commented that he has viewed pictures taken by Mr. Bonidie, and he inspected the property from the road. He concurs with the former testimonies.

Mrs. Fosbaugh – Mrs. Fosbaugh read and entered into the record the following: She conducted inspections on the property located at 5856 Curry Road on May 9, June 12, and July 5, 2023, in accordance with

the Code of the Township of South Park. The following issues were observed:

- Electrical service to the home had been disconnected.
- Gas service to the home had been disconnected at some point prior to the fire.
- The front porch is collapsing.
- The garage roof, which supports the front porch, is collapsing.
- The gutters are falling off the rear of the home.
- The side steps are collapsing.
- A number of the windows are boarded up because of the fire damage.
- There is external charring of the structure.
- The Chief of Police was present at the home immediately after the incident occurred because the owner perished in the fire. He indicated the interior was severely burned at that time.
- The second floor has collapsed into the basement, per Chief McDonough's observation.

Chief McDonough – Chief McDonough stated that he inspected the property on three occasions: June 26 at 11:00 a.m, July 3 at 1:00 p.m, and July 6, 2023 at 10:00 am. He concurs with the observations of the Code Enforcement Officer and Township Manager. Chief McDonough commented that he was present the night of the fire to carry out police duties. He was inside the structure where he observed the loss of a floor and other structural damage, and he believes that the structure cannot be repaired and should be razed.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Mr. Snee, and seconded by Mr. Lucot, to close the public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Snee, and seconded by Mr. Lucot, to adjourn the public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 6:54 p.m.