

**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG**  
**59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325**  
**COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING**  
**AUGUST 14, 2017**

President Robert Krummerich called the public hearing to order at 6:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Mrs. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Mr. Wesley Heyser and Mrs. AmyBeth Hodges. Borough staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Solicitor Harold Eastman; Chief Joseph Dougherty; and Planning Director Becky LaBarre.

Others present include: Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Robin Fitzpatrick, President, Adams County Industrial Development Authority (ACIDA); Marty Qually, 107 West Broadway; Brad Hunt, Business Manager, Gettysburg Area School District; Kathy and Bill Hewitt, GASD Board Members; Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street; Judith Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue; Sarah Kipp, 126 Baltimore Street; Chris Berger, 156 Seminary Avenue; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Tori Houseman, 110 Chambersburg Street; Barry Breighner, 116 South Hay Street; Jean Straub, 130 South Hay Street and Kate McCaffrey, 108 South Hay Street.

Representing the press were Jim Hale with the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

Manager Gable announced that the purpose of the public hearing is for the Borough Council to receive information, and input from the Gettysburg Borough Planning Commission relative to the Borough Council's determination of the boundaries of a deteriorated area within the Borough of Gettysburg. They will also receive public comment on the proposed LERTA designation in the ROR Zoning District.

Charles Strauss, Member Gettysburg Planning Commission, gave a brief overview stating that Borough Council asked the Planning Commission to review the Policy Briefing Summary regarding LERTA at their January meeting. He said that the Planning Commission has met more frequently than once a month in an effort to provide a thorough review.

Sarah Kipp, Member Gettysburg Planning Commission, gave a brief background noting that a committee was formed to research the property, and what plans and needs are for the community. She said that they are asking Council to consider boundaries for LERTA to include the following six parcels: The former REDDI site, now known as Gettysburg Crossing (3 parcels), owned by the ACIDA; 151 and 153 North Stratton Street (2 parcels), owned by South Central Community Action Programs; and the Gettysburg Transit Center (1 parcel), 103 Carlisle Street, owned by Rabbittransit.

**Elected Official's Comments:**

Councilwoman Hodges asked why the property was not sold before. Robin Fitzpatrick, ACIDA, responded that efforts to develop the property have been ongoing for several years. She pointed out that several interested developers said that current taxes, parking requirements and building height limitations make the multi-use development favored by the Borough financially impossible.

Councilman Heyser thanked the committee for all their diligent work in producing this information for Borough Council.

**Public Comments:**

**Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street**, commended the Planning Commission for all their hard work noting that there are good people serving on this Board. He asked that when Council approves any tax abatements that they make it conditional for the developers to meet specific goals.

**Marty Qually, 107 West Broadway**, said that the county is behind this one hundred percent, and noted that by identifying the sites as deteriorated would be the "right first step to make."

**Kate McCaffrey, 108 South Hay Street**, asked that Council remember the tax burden faced by residents when they set the terms of tax abatements for developers.

**Barry Breighner, 116 South Hay Street**, also expressed his concerns regarding the tax abatement, and feels that ten-years is too long.

Solicitor Eastman explained that this public hearing is just for determining the boundaries of a LERTA.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mrs. Naugle to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary