

ARTICLE 20

ZONING HEARING BOARD: ESTABLISHMENTS AND PROCEDURES

A Zoning Hearing Board is hereby established, which shall consist of three (3) members of the municipality to be appointed by the Township Supervisors for a term of three (3) years and shall be so established that one (1) term of office shall expire each year. Members of the Zoning Hearing Board may be removed from office by the Township Supervisors for cause upon written charges and after public hearing. Vacancies shall be filled by resolution of the Township Supervisors for the unexpired term of the member affected. Members of the Zoning Hearing Board shall hold no other office in the municipality except that no more than one (1) member of the Board may also be a member of the Township Planning Commission.

SECTION 20.01- PROCEEDING TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD: The Zoning Hearing Board shall adopt rules necessary to the conduct of its affairs in keeping with the provisions of this Ordinance. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the Board may determine. The chairman, or in his absence the acting chairman, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All meeting shall be open to the public.

The Zoning Hearing Board shall follow all procedures as established by Article IX of Act 247 Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code or its amendments.

SECTION 20.02 - HEARINGS, APPEALS, NOTICE: All appeals from the decisions of the Administrative Official shall be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer or bureau of the governing body of the Township affected by any decision of the Administrative Official. Such appeals shall be taken with thirty (30) days of the action from which the appeal is taken, by filing with the Administrative Official and with the Zoning Hearing Board a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. The Administrative Official shall forthwith transmit to the Zoning Hearing Board all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

The Zoning Hearing Board shall proceed with the appeal pursuant to the provisions of Section 908 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

SECTION 20.03 - STAY OF PROCEEDING: An appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from unless the Administrative Official from whom the appeal is taken certified to the Zoning Hearing Board after notice of appeal is filed with him, that by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would, in his opinion, cause imminent peril to life and property. In such case, proceedings shall not be stayed other than by restricting order which may be granted by the Zoning Hearing Board or by a court of record application, or notice to the Administrative Official from whom the appeal is taken and due cause shown.