

LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Board of Assessment Appeals was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Lancaster County Offices located at 150 North Queen Street.

The following members were present:

Richard G. Cornogg, Chairman

James W. Wentz, Jr.

J. Scott Ulrich

Also present:

John D. Mavrides, Director of Assessment

Melvin E. Newcomer, Solicitor to the Board

Jeffrey Klugh, C/I Appraiser & Appraisal Supervisor

Rebecca Gianopoulos, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the April 10, 2019 regular meeting of the Board were approved on a motion by Mr. Ulrich and seconded by Mr. Wentz.

NEW BUSINESS – UPMC Pinnacle Lancaster

Howard Kelin, Solicitor for the School District of Lancaster and Paul Morcom, attorney representing UPMC Pinnacle were present to discuss the exempt status of the hospital properties located at 210 College Avenue, account number 335-41948-0-0000 and 217 College Avenue, account number 335-89204-0-0000. Mr. Kelin stated the 5 year pilot plan that went into effect for 2019 County/Municipal and 2019-20 School can be broken since the hospital is no longer in operation and recommended the property be placed on the taxable roll July 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 school tax year. Mr. Morcom gave copies of the Springfield Hospital Case to the Board and Mel Newcomer, to support his position that the property would become taxable in 2020. Mr. Newcomer informed Mr. Kelin and Mr. Morcom that he will review this case and the Board will make a decision at next month's meeting.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION REQUESTS

1/Curtis L. Althouse - (Disabled Veteran) - A motion was made by Mr. Wentz and seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve exemption for the property located at 1165 Kramer Mill Rd., Denver, account number 040-71483-0-0000. The exemption will become effective beginning with the 2019-20 School and 2020 County/Municipal tax years. Motion passed.

2/Larry A. George (Disabled Veteran) - A motion was made by Mr. Wentz and seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve exemption for the property located at 39 Parkview Dr., Reinholds, account number 090-22924-0-0000. The exemption will be effective beginning with the 2019-20 School and 2020 County/Municipal tax years. Motion passed.

3/Ronald E. Yunginger (Disabled Veteran) - A motion was made by Mr. Wentz and seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve exemption for the property located at 1811 Serene Way, Lancaster, account number 310-02314-1-0051. The exemption will be effective beginning with the 2019-20 School and 2020 County/Municipal tax years. Motion passed.

4/John A Hess (Disabled Veteran) - A motion was made by Mr. Wentz and seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve exemption for the property located at 3165 Lincoln Highway E., Paradise, account number 490-18934-0-0000. The exemption will be effective beginning with the 2019-20 School and 2020 County/Municipal tax years. Motion passed.

5/Weaverland Mennonite Homes - A motion was made by Mr. Cornogg and seconded by Mr. Ulrich to deny exemption for the following two parcels of vacant land which are currently being farmed and leased: account numbers 270-18101-0-0000 and 260-24524-0-0000 located on Main Street. Since the property is split by the township line the secondary site will be removed from parcel 260-24524-0-0000. Motion passed.

6/Walter S Ebersole American Legion Post 185 - A motion was made by Mr. Cornogg and seconded by Mr. Ulrich to deny exemption for two parcels of land located at 560 Clay Alley, account number 450-14948-0-0000 and 544 W Main St., account number 450-24574-0-0000 which is owned by the Walter S Ebersole American Legion Post 185. Buildings will be removed from the tax roll when demolished. Motion passed.

7/Bethel Christian Fellowship - A motion was made by Mr. Wentz and seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve partial exemption for the property located at 145 Bootjack Rd., account number 050-94908-0-0000. Of the total 8.25 acres, 3.5 acres will remain taxable and 4.75 acres and the church will become exempt. Our appraiser will measure and list the church building, as it is not currently on our records. The exemption will become effective beginning with the 2019-20 School and 2020 County/Municipal tax years. Motion passed.

8/Meals on Wheels - A motion was made by Mr. Ulrich and seconded by Mr. Wentz to exempt the property located at 1411 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, account number 340-62819-0-0000. The exemption will become effective beginning with the 2019-20 School and 2020 County/Municipal tax years. Motion passed.

9/Vision & Beyond Ministries - A motion was made by Mr. Cornogg and seconded by Mr. Wentz to deny exemption for the following properties all located on Butter Road, account numbers, 390-23567-0-0000, 390-23758-0-0000, 390-24050-0-0000, 390-24341-0-0000, 390-25113-0-0000, 390-25305-0-0000, 390-25697-0-0000, 390-25990-0-0000, 390-26182-0-0000 and 390-26274-0-0000. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS-- SACA - A motion was made by Mr. Cornogg and seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve exemption on behalf of SACA for the following three properties: 453

S Lime St., account number 337-95890-1-0001, 337-95890-1-0002, and 102 Chester St., account number 337-09368-0-0000. The exemption will become effective beginning with the 2019 County/Municipal and 2019-20 School tax years. Motion passed.

ASSESSMENT APPEAL DECISIONS

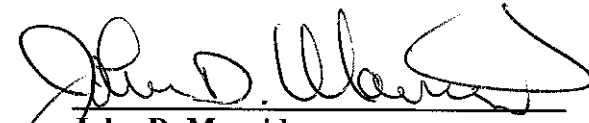
No appeals were scheduled for April 10, 2019 (one appeal was heard that day due to a notification error on our part, with the property owners appearing that day)

ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board heard the appeals scheduled for May 8, 2019.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Lancaster County Government Building. Meeting adjourned by motion made by Mr. Cornogg and seconded by Mr. Ulrich.



John D. Mavrides
Chief Clerk to the Board