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Minutes of 11/25/25
Conditional Use Hearing
1408 State Road - Backdraft Excavating

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6:02p.m. in the Municipal Building for a Conditional Use Hearing. Chairman Clifford Lindgren, Vice-Chairman Karen Potteiger, and Supervisor Forrest Woodward attended. Other personnel present were Darrell Dethlefs (hereinafter referred to as Solicitor), Secretary Jennifer Blouch (hereinafter referred to as Secretary), and Zoning Officer Truman Heberlig. A list of visitors attending is on file in the Township Office. Chairman Lindgren convened the hearing. The meeting was recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes. The recording will be destroyed once the draft minutes are complete.

Solicitor Darrell Dethlefs announced that a court reporter would be recording the hearing.

The solicitor had the court reporter swear in Truman Heberlig, Joe Burget, Shade Reidlinger, Garam Farhat, and Kandace Farhat.

The solicitor announced the exhibits.

The landowner's engineer, Joe Burget, presented the case for a conditional use at 1408 State Road. The application is for Backdraft Excavating, a construction, excavation, and landscaping business, to be able to operate at 1408 State Road. Mr. Burget stated that the business won't be much different from the previous business located there, Haldeman Supply. There will be larger equipment stored on the premises, and some piles of stone and other construction materials. There will be an office front. Mr. Burget stated that the previous owner had a land development plan that was not completed, and that Backdraft Excavating expects to have to complete a land development plan as a condition of the use. The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation for approval with a land development plan.

Vice-Chairman Potteiger asked if the signage would change. Mr. Burget answered yes.

The solicitor asked the Zoning Officer why the original application was denied. The Zoning Officer answered that the use is not specifically listed under permitted uses in the commercial district.



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The solicitor asked Garah Farhat where he lives. He answered 151 Cove Road, Duncannon, PA 17020. The solicitor asked Mr. Farhat how far he lives from 1408 State Road. Mr. Farhat answered about a quarter mile or a couple hundred feet. Garam Farhat asked what regulations would be put into place if the use is approved, and if Backdraft Excavating would have to get a PennDOT Driveway permit. Mr. Burget answered that it would all be under the land development plan requirements. Mr. Farhat asked if Backdraft Excavating is operating out of 1408 State Road. Mr. Reidlinger answered that they are storing equipment there, but not operating from the location.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors recessed at 6:19p.m.
The Penn Township Board of Supervisors reconvened at 6:24p.m.

Upon a Woodward/Potteiger motion, the Penn Township Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the Conditional Use with 2 conditions.

1. Land Development should be completed as recommended by the Penn Township Planning Commission.
2. Backdraft Excavating is not to operate at 1408 State Road until land development is approved.

The hearing adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Blouch
Secretary