

January 28, 2008

Fellow Neighbors and Taxpayers:

Today was an exceptional day in the quest to stop South Eastern School District from spending the hundreds of thousands of dollars frivolously on road repair behind the Kennard-Dale High School. If you recall, I presented to the school board our petition on December 6, 2007. I have attended numerous meetings in the community outlining what is wrong with the school board's proposed "access road" project.

On December 3, 2007, I attended the Fawn Grove Council meeting asking for their support in stopping the project from going forward since the access road comes out on a borough road. It was evident to me that the conflict of interest between the school board and the borough using the same solicitor was standing in the way of progress. That prompted me to contact Rep. Saylor's office where a representative was assigned to look into the issue. A couple weeks later, Mr. Anderson, excused himself as the Borough solicitor for any correspondence concerning the access road.

Also, on December 6, 2007, a new school board president was elected, Mrs. Tonia Wright. One other new member, Mr. Millard Neale, took a special interest in our cause to save tax dollars from frivolous spending and invested the time educate himself on the issue.

On December 10, 2007, I enlightened the Fawn Township supervisors on the access road project and not to my surprise; they had no knowledge of the proposed project. The result of that meeting was a letter that was sent from the solicitor of Fawn Township to the School Board President and solicitor with a copy sent to the Fawn Grove Borough Council. It was sent on December 12, 2007. That letter is available on the SETRC website: www.setrc.net

On January 22, 2008, I was informed by a concerned citizen that a special meeting was called by the Fawn Borough council concerning the access road project. The meeting was to be held on January 28, 2008, 3:00PM @ Citizens Volunteer Fire Hall. Mr. Dick Wilson was notified of the meeting as a school board representative. When I questioned other board members of this meeting, they had no knowledge of it. Mr. Wilson was quite surprised when he walked into the meeting and Mr. Neale and Mrs. Wright was already there. Also in attendance were several members of Fawn Township, Fawn Grove Borough Council, Mrs. Soder (codes enforcement for Fawn Borough), a representative from York County emergency management and myself. The meeting was very successful. It appears as if this project will be squashed at the February 7th school board meeting. We are not letting our guard down though and we will continue to fight it.

What is interesting here though is the complete lack of regard for the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law. Mr. Wilson knowingly went to a meeting in the community as a representative from the school board and deliberately hid the event from the president of the board and the rest of his associate board members.

Thank you all for your support!

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