PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONDITIONAL USE HEARING WHISPERING HOPE May 14, 2009

Present representing Whispering Hope was Weaver Martin, 2040 Pine Road, Newville and Jean Kissinger representing Kissinger Engineering firm.

Solicitor Marcus McKnight III swore each participate in.

Mr. Martin explained that they would like to build 4 individual housing units for couples who need counseling. Right now they are staying in a facility in South Newton Township and we want to bring them closer to the Whispering Hope facility located at 2182 Pine Road, Newville.

Marcus asked how large the facilities would be and Jean Kissinger stated they would be 20 x 16. She was asked if they would have indoor plumbing and the reply was yes they would.

Mr. Martin explained that these facilities are for couples. The husband is usually brought in first and goes through some counseling, then the wife follows for counseling.

Vice-chairman Sheaffer stated that he appreciated the work this organization is doing and how important it is for families to work together.

It was also pointed out that it should be noted that should the buildings no longer be of use, they must be removed. Jean stated that notation will be put on the subdivision plan.

Jean wanted to know if they could go ahead with the subdivision plan even though the SALDO is being revised. She was told they could proceed.

There being no further discussion of questions, Supervisor Seiders made a motion to approve the conditional use application. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sangialosi Secretary