The American Township Trustees met in special session for a public zoning hearing.

The following members present: Paul Basinger, Larry Vandemark, Brady Overholt, Mark Bishop and Petitioner- Blass Residential Services, LLC

The American Township Zoning Commission held a public meeting on July 17th at 6:30pm with a purpose to rezone Parcel #36-3304-01-005.000 from R-1/B-1 to R-3. Code Enforcer Bishop supplied all trustees with all documents from this hearing acknowledging that Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission met on May 9th and felt that American Township should reject this rezoning based on current American Township Zoning Regulations. American Township Zoning Commission then met on June 6th and approved the rezoning from R-1/B-1 to R-3.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mark Blass of Blass Residential Services. He stated the need for housing within American Township and what his plan is for the development. He also answered questions from concerned citizens who live within that area.

Privilege of the floor was granted Jacque and Jim Bowers 3474 Makley Dr. stated their concerns for the project and that the area trying to be developed has some wetlands within it and should not be allowed. They are also concerned with the huge increase of traffic.

Privilege of the floor was granted Polly McPheron of 3391 Kenyon Dr is concerned with all of the additional traffic through the neighborhood. This was also reiterated by Kayla Northup of 3377 Kenyon Dr.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Patricia Trenkamp of 3462 Makley is concerned with the property values of surrounding properties and she also has concerns with subsidized housing.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Kyle Benroth of 1440Bellefontaine Ave who stated he is in favor of the subdivision and explained to the public the need for housing within the township.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Erin Taylor of 3450 Makley who just moved to the neighborhood and is concerned about her housing value decreasing along with duplexes going up very close to her property line.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Basinger to adjourn the public hearing. Roll call, all yes.

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Paul Basinger, Vice Chairmen