

## **Press update re June 14 Freedom Township Supervisors' Meeting**

The Freedom Township Supervisors meeting will be held this Wed, June 14 at 8PM at Greenmount Fire Hall, 3095 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg.

After a month of deliberation, **the Freedom Township Supervisors will announce their decision on the Referendum** to prevent a racetrack from being built in the Township. Public comment is permitted with Freedom residents going first.

The Referendum is allowed by the 2nd Class Township Code. The citizens who wanted it had to meet 2 criteria and they met both. The township No Casino residents are represented by attorney Susan Smith. Her legal opinion of the referendum question is at [https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/Opinion\\_Letter\\_Racetrack\\_final.pdf](https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/Opinion_Letter_Racetrack_final.pdf) To meet the criteria for the referendum, the proposed racetrack needed to be within 50 AIR MILES of the center of Penn National Race Course in Grantville, PA. The surveyors found it is exactly 49.55 air miles! Here is the map done by surveyors. [https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/Final\\_No\\_Casino\\_Gettysburg\\_Survey\\_Maps.pdf](https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/Final_No_Casino_Gettysburg_Survey_Maps.pdf)

The referendum question requires a YES answer to stop the racetrack.  
***Shall live horse race meets conducted by licensed corporations be prohibited within the area of fifty air miles from the center of an existing, currently licensed racetrack?***

In other words, Shall horse races run by corporations be prohibited in Freedom Township?

**The vote will be Tuesday Nov. 7, 2017.**

## **This will be the first time a citizen vote can impact casino placement in PA.**

**LeVan has to submit his application to the PA Horse Racing Commission on June 14! He is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve his zoning.** LeVan has submitted three different versions of a zoning text amendment to the Supervisors . The 3rd is

here: [https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/mdd\\_3rd\\_text\\_amendment.pdf](https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/mdd_3rd_text_amendment.pdf)

The Planning Commission has tabled this but **the Supervisors could go ahead and decide what to do in the case of the proposed amendment.** At the 6/7/17

Planning Commission meeting 2 letters were read regarding the text amendment:

Planning Commission member Paul Kellett's

opinion: [https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/Kellett\\_May\\_10\\_letter\\_responding\\_to\\_text\\_amendment.pdf](https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/Kellett_May_10_letter_responding_to_text_amendment.pdf)

No Casino residents' attorney Susan Smith wrote this legal opinion on the text amendment: [https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/PC\\_Letter\\_11295\\_6.7.17.pdf](https://www.nocasinogettysburg.org/assets/PC_Letter_11295_6.7.17.pdf)

**There are now 9.392 signatures on No Casino Gettysburg's online petition opposing the racino. Most signers are from PA. Those signers are the heritage tourists who sustain the Gettysburg economy.**

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