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**Board of Supervisors Public Hearing**  
First United Methodist Church Conditional Use Request  
April 8, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Ronald Flatt called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Center Township Municipal Building at 419 Sunset Drive, Butler, Pa.

**ROLL CALL:** Present in addition to Flatt were: Vice Chairman Andrew Erie; Supervisors Ed Latuska, Thomas Schiebel, and Brian Hortert; Secretary, Crystal Wilson.

**HEARING:** Neighbors within 300 feet of the property were notified by mail, two ads were placed in the Butler Eagle, and the property was posted. The Chairman noted that the purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment regarding the request for a Conditional Use. Voting approval or disapproval will take place at the next Supervisor's meeting.

The First United Methodist Church of Butler, PA would like to convert the old Friedman's store into a worship hall.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:**

John Stokes: 134 Springfield CT. Renfrew, PA- representative for the Church stated that this wouldn't be a traditional worship hall but a modern day worship center that would only be open on Sunday mornings and maybe a couple days throughout the week. It would be strictly a worship center with no kitchen or social hall that would be rented out. He stated that he didn't think they would have any impact on traffic during peak hours in the township. John stated that according to a traffic report from HRG only 10 new trips would be generated on top of the 109 trips previously maintained by Friedman's. He is asking that the Board of Supervisors approve the Conditional Use contingent upon the sewage issues being resolved.

Supervisor Ed Latuska asked: When would the first service be scheduled if the Conditional Use was approved? Stokes said it would be about two months after the sewage issues were worked out.

Gary Rauschenberger- 135 Windy Dr- asked why Stokes felt they wouldn't generate new trips? Stokes stated that Friedman's already had 109 trips and that they would only generate 10 new trips for 129 trips total. He added that the center would only be open on Sundays for service.

Is there a limitation on how many people can attend? How many people do you think will attend on any given Sunday? Stokes stated that they expect about 300 people, the room can hold 400 people easy.

Parking is not an issue? Stokes said no.

Flatt asked if there was any future questions.

**ADJOURNMENT: Hortert made a motion to adjourn at 6:12pm; seconded by Erie. Motion carried unanimously**

CRYSTAL WILSON  
Township Secretary

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Supervisor

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