

## Court Hearing Update

8/26/2020

Good Evening Everyone!

I wanted to post an update regarding the hearing today. The County, the Park, and the Full-Time group had an opportunity to be represented by their attorneys in court today.

***\*\*Update\*\*** There is a settlement conference scheduled for October 21 at 1:30 in Snow Hill. That will be an opportunity for the parties and attorneys and a facilitator, probably a retired judge, to try to find a way to settle the dispute. Yesterday was a simple proceeding to determine whether trial is necessary. Since so many facts are in dispute, and those facts are material/relevant to the issue before the court, no party was awarded summary judgment. All of the motions for summary judgment were denied.*

The matter is set to go to trial on December 15, and December 16, 2020.

Overall, I would like to offer hope. Today was a great day. It feels wonderful to have all perspectives heard, in a reasonable fashion, by someone who can help us to resolve our struggle. I am optimistic that we are on the road to brighter days. Today was a step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Melissa