

2 Cityhood Paths Effect Strategy

What motivated the State Boundary Commission in its two recent decisions involving Farmington Township and what is behind the separate moves of parties appealing those decisions?

The Boundary Commission rejected Robert McConnell's Oct. 13 petition for an incorporation election to join Farmington Township, Wood Creek Farms and Quakertown into a home-rule city. Commissioners said there is a real difference between incorporation and consolidation and the township and the villages could only be joined through consolidation.

NOW THERE ARE two lawsuits, each seeking a different procedure to obtain cityhood. McConnell would like a consolidation election. Joseph T. Brennan, representing Farmington Township's government, wants an incorporation election.

The strategy of appeals and the state's reasons for rejection are both based on the question there is a substantial difference in the procedures of

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power to each unit on the question.

The veto power also extends to adoption of a new charter, a "no" vote from any governmental unit defeats the charter.

Each unit involved is guaranteed a minimum of one member on the charter commission, regardless of population.

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proved with a majority vote from residents of the entire area involved, which means each unit does not have a veto on the question.

Neither does each governmental unit have a veto on the charter vote.

Each unit is not guaranteed a representative on the charter commission.

Government officers and employees can run for the charter commission and do not have to resign if elected.

The Boundary Commission, when petitioned, has criteria as well as administrative authority and may totally accept, totally reject the request or alter the boundaries.

Under incorporation, the state sets a public hearing on the question and commissions a study at its own expense.

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