

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

October 3, 2016

The members in attendance: Chairman John Walsh, George Downes, Mark Scott and Tedd Finlayson. Chairman Trustee Don Ackerman and Zoning Inspector Ron Weekley were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 by Chairman John Walsh.

John Walsh made a motion to have Mark Scott act as a voting member of the Zoning Commission. This motion was seconded by George Downs and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Ackerman advised the Zoning Commission that he is still working on the medical marijuana zoning questions. Ackerman also indicated that the road paving came in under budget.

Mr. Norris, a township resident, was asking about what is needed for him to build a small cottage on his property. He wants to use it as a guest house and possibly office space when his wife works from home. Zoning Inspector weekly advised him that he would have to apply for a building permit and request a Conditional Use Certificate from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Inspector Weekley provided Mr. Norris with the necessary paperwork to complete his request.

Mr. Wilklow addressed the Zoning Commission regarding a fence his neighbor was putting up that was blocking sunlight to his recently planted trees and his patio. His neighbor discussed this fence with the Zoning Inspector prior to installation and the fence is within the Zoning Regulations. After much discussion, Trustee Ackerman asked Zoning Inspector Weekley to approach the neighbor and see if a portion of the fence could be lowered from 6' to 3', as a courtesy to Mr. Wilklow.

The revised Zoning Resolution is still being worked on and should be completed by the November meeting.

Zoning Inspector Weekley is working on Table 601 and will send out to Commission members when complete for their review.

Zoning Inspector Weekley advised the Zoning Commission that there are still some updates needed for the zoning map to be completed. Weekley is going to talk to Mr. Ron Deal of the Zoar Market regarding changes he is making. Mr. Deal was to install a buffer on his property to separate the commercial district from his neighbor in a residential district. Weekley is going to

reach out to Mr. Deal and the residential neighbor to discuss what buffer would work for both parties.

Tedd Finlayson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by George Downes, motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Township Building.

Respectfully,

Ann Ackerman