

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

March 6, 2017

Members in attendance: Chairman John Walsh, George Downes, Frank Bachman and Tedd Finlayson. Chairman Trustee Don Ackerman and Zoning Inspector Ron Weekley were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Chairman John Walsh.

Frank Bachman made a motion to accept the February 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by George Downes and passed unanimously.

Trustee Ackerman informed that board that Mr. Swinderman was no longer with Complete Hydraulics. Mr. Swinderman was going to look into a donation for the retention basin and he was also on the CIC board. He will have to be removed from the CIC board and trustees will check to see if there is a donation available for the retention basin. Kinder Morgan is working on trees in the township. Mr. Burlison filed a lawsuit against the gentlemen who started the fire on his property. Inspector Weekley was approached by an attorney to appear in court voluntarily and he was unable to do so due to work conflict. Mr. Burlison was sent a letter indicating that the prosecutor has been advised that he has not cleaned up his land and is out of compliance with Lawrence Township zoning. The township resident on Ridge Road needs addressed, as he still appears to be running a business from the property. There was discussion of a possible fuel tank added to the property as well. Trustee Ackerman and Inspector Weekley discussed with Tuscarawas County Commissioners on who actually owns Wilkshire Blvd. It was determined that the township does. This is being clarified due to Kinder Morgan crossing the road and also for the walking path that the trustees have secured funding for. Ackerman indicated that the trustees were working with Kinder Morgan for a road maintenance agreement and permit fee for roads in the township due to the pipe work being done.

Inspector Weekley advised that another house is being built in Holly Heights. Mr. Burkey has updated the zoning map and Weekley is setting up a meeting to review the map. Mr. Deal of Zoar Market has reached out to the Tomer's about the fence and Mr. Salapack about parking commercial vehicles on residential property. Ballfields are possibly going in behind Zoar Market as they are losing fields behind CMA as they are planning on expanding. Weekley suggested that the commission begin looking for more industrial land in the township, as he feels it is going to be needed. Weekley advised he was looking into a possible dog kennel business being run off of Eberhart Rd.

Tedd Finlayson advised the board that in a recent Regional Planning meeting the health department discussed increase in acreage for lots to build on. Septic systems seem to be a large issue, which will depend on the soil and land and not specific to acreage when new construction. Finlayson also discussed 1,200 square feet vs 900 square feet for new construction. Tiny houses and shipping containers used for housing and storage were also discussed. Possible use certificates should be discussed. Finlayson also discussed a possible site plan when obtaining a fence permit.

John Walsh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Frank Bachman, motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Township Building.

Respectfully, Ann Ackerman