

## **LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING**

October 2, 2017

The members in attendance: John Walsh, George Downes and Tedd Finlayson and Mark Scott. Ron Weekley Zoning Inspector was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman John Walsh.

John Walsh moved Mark Scott as a member rather than as an alternate for this meeting due to Frank Bachman being absent.

Motion made by Tedd Finlayson to approve the August 7, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by George Downes and motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Inspector Weekley advised the Zoning Commission of several buildings and garages going up in the township. PPI was to bore under the township road and damaged the road. They should have possibly applied for a permit to cut the road rather than bore under it. Zoning Commission advised that changes regarding boring under a road or cutting a road should be made by the township Trustees not the Zoning Commission. Weekley advised that the resident off Ridge Road who had built a pole building has the outside of his home complete, and are finishing the inside. George Downes asked Inspector Weekley to check on a building that was built on a fence line by a horse pasture. Weekley will check and advise the commission. Downes also asked about construction on Dover-Zoar Road and Weekley advised permits were issued.

John Walsh asked about the status of the zoning map. Zoning Commission feels that they have waited long enough to have an updated map available. Weekley to check and advise. Tedd Finlayson asked Weekley about printing some maps and Weekley will take care of it. Commission asked Weekley to contact the GIS map office and have maps emailed to him and then to forward to John Walsh and he will print out. Inspector Weekley advised the Commission of a typographical error on parcel transfers for Ron Deal and it has been taken care of. Inspector Weekley sent a letter to the property owner of a fence on Wilkshire Blvd. and asked that it be removed. Several letters have gone out to this resident in the past about complying with removal of trees and fence that is on township property. Resident removed trees but has not removed fence. This needs to be complete as the township as received a grant to put in the Wilkshire Walking Trail. Inspector Weekley updated the Commission that the resident having items stockpiled in and around her house and running a business out of her

house along with various garage sale violations has been turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney for legal action.

Downes asked about a lawn that hasn't been mowed, Weekley will check and advise. Weekley advised there was a resident who had purchased land and wanted to make five lots and build is now trying to get sewer and water to these lots to be able to build. Regional Planning needs sewer approval prior to lot splits. Township Trustees approved the purchase of Black's Law Dictionary for Zoning Commission reference. The following change were discussed with the Zoning Commission for the Zoning Regulations: Definition of Drive Thru and where it is permitted to be located, delete Waiting Space from definitions, 601.13G Restaurant Type A-B-Drive Thru, 307.2B5 Restaurant with Drive Thru, 308.II, and Table 601. Tedd Finlayson made a motion to accept the above mentioned changes, motion seconded by George Downes, motion passed unanimously.

Tedd Finlayson proposed Legal Nonconforming Signs handout for commission members to look over for the next meeting. Aultman Hospital is discussing possible expansion and adding more doctors to their office on St. Rt. 212.

Tedd Finlayson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Mark Scott and all voted yes. Meeting was adjourned.

The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Township Building in the office due to the election being held in the meeting room.

Respectfully,

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Ann Ackerman