

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2018

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

Township residents Martha Simon, Cindy Steffl and Steve Simon were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman John Walsh.

There was not a quorum present to approve the December meeting minutes.

Martha Simon is the owner of the Wilkshire Banquet Center and has it listed for sale. The six month listing is almost due and she is trying to determine what action to take. She is asking what potential buyers can do with her property in a C-2 District. She is asking if it can be turned into an assisted living or independent living facility. She is moving the doll house museum out and possibly putting in a catering room. Potential clients want to be able to do catering there if they have a party and that would require internal remodeling only. Mrs. Simon has had the banquet center for five years and it is doing well but she feels it needs to be something else. She feels with the extra lot that she has with the property that there are other options. She is also inquiring about being able to place a sign along St. Rt. 212 advertising the banquet center. Chairman Walsh informed Mrs. Simon that there is a grey area in the zoning regulations regarding assisted living and they will have to review the regulations and have Zoning Inspector Weekley get back to her. Weekley will talk to the Trustees and possibly the township attorney to get information. Tedd Finlayson will check on medical facilities for assisted living as well.

Inspector Weekley advised the commission that Nilodor obtained all the necessary permits for their expansion and are good to go.

Inspector Weekley and the Zoning Commission members reviewed the newly completed zoning map. There is one lot at Wilson and East Street and the Zoar Market that needs corrected. Weekley will talk to Terry Burkey and get those issues resolved.

Tedd Finlayson accepted the Zoning Map with the exception of the corrections that Weekley will handle. Weekley will add title to the top and legend for reference.

Inspector Weekley advised that he does not feel Zoar Market has finalized the conditions of their conditional use permit and he will follow up.

Inspector Weekley advised the Zoning Commission that Joe from American Dream Homes has purchased three lots in the Konrad Kohl area and is starting to build.

The purchase of a large TV and lap top was discussed.

Mark Scott invited Inspector Weekely to the monthly CBA meeting to discuss zoning and signs and he can't due to work schedule. Tedd Finlayson will follow up to see if he can attend a meeting.

Tedd Finlayson updated the commission on the ODOT road signs and gave the information to Mark Scott to take to the CBA members to see if they want to participate in this project. Private property signs are subject to zoning but the ODOT signs on the highway do not follow zoning.

Zoning Commission discussed skill games and the need for applications and fee schedules. They made several changes to the proposed applications.

Tedd Finlayson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Frank Bachman, and meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5 at 7:00p.m. at the Lawrence Township Building.

Respectfully,

Ann Ackerman