

April 2, 2018

Regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Zoning Commission called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman John Walsh. Member in attendance were George Downes, Frank Bachman and Ted Finlayson. Zoning Inspector Weekley also present, as was Trustee Don Ackerman. Guests in attendance were Mrs. Martha Simon and Mr. Eric Dayton.

Chairman Walsh opened the meeting to the guests.

Mrs. Simon spoke about looking for buyers for Wilkshire Banquet Center but had no takers yet. Booking reservations for the year. Looking at putting a sign on the parcel, asked about height or any other restrictions for the signage. Going to contact various sign companies for estimates. Worried about being seen from State Route 212, so most likely a pole sign of some sort.

Mr. Dayton of Strasburg-Bolivar Road, owns the property directly across Strasburg-Bolivar Road from the end of Ridge Road. Discussed numerous visits from Zoning Inspector Weekley, from State Police, from Tuscarawas County Sherriff's Department, from the State Fire Marshall's Office and from the local Bolivar fire Department. No discrepancies were noted by any of the departments. Wants to know what the problem with him seems to be? Member Finlayson stated he was responsible for calling the State fire Marshall to investigate the portable fuel storage tanks, and Mr. Dayton received word from the local authorities that the State Fire Marshall noted no discrepancies. Trustee Ackerman discussed the mud being dragged out onto Strasburg-Bolivar Road and complaints that were called to him. He also discussed the safety concerns of not having a spotter or flagger present when backing across the road from the end of Ridge Road. Mr. Dayton stated he did not see it as the Townships business, since it is a County Road. Don and Ted stated safety concerns for Township Residents. Chairman Walsh asked if the trailers were personal or business and if a business was being run out of the property? Mr. Dayton stated personal, and no business. Driveway clearance for Mr. Dayton was brought up, we have a clearance survey on file from the Tuscarawas County Engineer's office for the house driveway, upper driveway is believed to be grandfathered in because of existence before Township Zoning. Ron will check with Engineers office for clarity.

Trustee Ackerman brought up discussion about too much Zoning? Do we need a public meeting to discuss what residents expect? Too many times the Township deals with single issues for years at a timer. Don's question to the Zoning Commission is, where is Zoning enough? What is too much? Believes we should shrink Zoning to a manageable level while still being beneficial to residents. Time consuming and sometimes too costly.

As a whole, discussed Comprehensive Land Use Plan and other community involvement studies. Much discussion about complaints and the complaint process as a whole.

Ron discussed awaiting Mr. Terry Burky for guidance on the map program issues, hopefully by next meeting will have some resolve.

Ted motioned we approve meeting minutes from March 5, 2018 meeting, Frank seconded, minutes approved.

Set next meeting for May7, 2018 in working room since voting poll will be in meeting room. Ted motioned we adjourn, George seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Ron Weekley  
Lawrence Township Zoning Inspector