

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

July 1, 2019

The members in attendance: Tedd Finlayson, George Downes and Frank Bachman. Lawrence Township Trustee Don Ackerman and public Mike Durbin were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Tedd Finlayson.

Chairman Finlayson gave the floor to Mike Durbin. Mr. Durbin spoke to the Zoning Commission and presented them with preliminary approved plan of the Old Orchard Project based on water run-off, etc. Proposed pins have been placed and some changes were made to accommodate building sites. Due to the changes, Mr. Durbin wanted to share with the Zoning Commission and see if they saw any issues regarding zoning. All building setbacks will be met. Chairman Finlayson suggested numbering each lot for easy reference in the future. Zoning Commission saw no problems at this time with the proposed plans.

George Downes made a motion to accept the June 3, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Tedd Finlayson and the motion passed, minutes accepted.

Chairman Finlayson questioned the article in the Times Reporter regarding the number of Zoning Commission members needed. Trustee Ackerman advised that according to the O.R. C. the township is allowed five members and two alternates. There are currently only four members of the Zoning Commission and no alternates. The Board of Zoning Appeals is also allowed five members and two alternates and there is currently only one alternate. Trustees are looking for members for the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Chairman Finlayson advised that he may be moving into the village of Bolivar and would like to remain on the Zoning Commission. Trustee Ackerman will have to check with the other Trustees and legal counsel as the O.R.C. states that members must live in the unincorporated area of the township to be on the Zoning Commission and/or the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Zoning Commission and Trustee Ackerman discussed Mr. Durbin's proposal and TIFS. Trustees are meeting with an attorney to discuss TIFS and how they can help the township and Mr. Durbin, which would be a benefit for the township and/or developers. Township is looking into several TIFS.

Trustee Ackerman advised the Zoning Commission that the township sheriff was transferred to a new job and he believes the township will be getting a new sheriff. There has been no communication from Tuscarawas County Sheriff's office regarding this change.

Chairman Finlayson asked if the fire department wanted to put a new levy on the ballot. Trustee Ackerman indicated they have asked in the past and knows that they have had some

vehicle repairs. Trustee Ackerman indicated that he has heard that there are shortages of funds for Fire and EMT services all over the county.

Zoning Commission discussed the following changes: Page 91 301.2A5, 301.2B4, 301.2B2; page 93 301.4; page 94 302.2A6; page 95 302.2B 5&6, 302.2B3a ; page 104 303.2A9; page 105 302.2C5a, 302.2C 7&8; page 107 303.5; page 108 304.2A7, 304.2C7; page 111 304.5; page 114 305.8; page 116 306.5; page 119 307.5; page 122 308.6; page 126 309.4B Remove, 309.5; page 281 1001.9 A & B; page 349 Truck Tractor definition.

George Downes made a motion to accept the changes listed above, seconded by Frank Bachman. All approved, motion passed.

Frank Bachman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by George Downes and meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:00p.m. at the Lawrence Township Building.

Respectfully,

Ann Ackerman