

# **LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING**

November 4, 2019

The members in attendance: Frank Bachman, George Downes and Mark Scott. Trustee Don Ackerman and Zoning Inspector Ron Weekley were also present along with township residents Joe Hafer and Patrick Kline.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by George Downes.

With the resignation of Chairman Tedd Finlayson; George Downes was appointed Chairman and Frank Bachman appointed Vice-Chairman.

Frank Bachman made a motion to accept the July 1, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by George Downes and the motion passed, minutes accepted.

Trustee Ackerman introduced Joe Hafer and Patrick Kline as township residents interested in becoming members of the Zoning Commission. Trustee Ackerman will present their applications at the next Township Trustee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019. Ackerman is still asking for more volunteers. He would like a meeting with all commission members to discuss what direction the zoning should head in the future, what each member's priorities are.

Zoning Inspector Weekley presented the latest set of plans on the Durbin proposal. Inspector Weekley advised the commission that Air B&Bs need to be addressed in zoning, and if there are fees, where is that money to go, and if permits should be granted, what the rules and regulations should be and how a permit can be revoked. VRBO, Home Away and Air B&B. These are businesses in residential homes. Inspector Weekley discussed group homes and noise ordinance. Noise complaints from trucks parking at McDonalds and running and Kickin Country were discussed. Weekley advised that there is another bank going in to where Citizens Bank is currently, since they will be closing in November. Weekley discussed the recycling issues with the dumpsters at the Giant Eagle parking lot and how debris goes onto Vaughn's property.

Frank Bachman suggested a Comprehensive Plan so that the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals are on the same page. Board of Zoning Appeals hearings were discussed. Trustee Ackerman questioned whether once a permit is issued and construction has begun the zoning inspector may go back out and verify setbacks.

Inspector Weekley advised that he will have to get with Terry Burkey one more time to finalize updating the zoning map.

Frank Bachman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Scott and meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00p.m. at the Lawrence Township Building.

Respectfully,

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Ann Ackerman