

# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

December 2, 2019

The members in attendance: Frank Bachman and George Downes. 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 7:07 p.m. by George Downes. With the absence of Mark Scott, the November 4, 2019 minutes were not able to be approved.

Trustee Ackerman informed the Zoning Commission that the trustees approved the appointment of Joe Hafer and Patrick Kline to the Zoning Commission effective immediately. The trustees also renewed Frank Bachman to the Zoning Commission and Scott Edwards to the Board of Zoning Appeals for another term. The trustees also approved for any Zoning Commission member or Board of Zoning Appeals member to attend the OTA conference in February with expenses paid. Trustee Ackerman discussed the conference and workshops that are available to the members.

Chairman Downes discussed with members as to current zoning regulations and what direction to take those regulations in the future. Downes referred to Ohio Planning and Zoning Law publication and briefly described what zoning is and what part of zoning is controlled by the O.R.C. According to his findings it should be extremely difficult for a variance to pass. Downes, along with additional board members, feel that the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals need to get together. The procedures to receive a permit were discussed along with the procedures for an appeals hearing. Surveys were discussed in length.

Chairman Downes asked members to prepare an agenda to discuss at the January 6, 2020 meeting so that one agenda can be prepared and potentially invite the Board of Zoning Appeals to the February 2020 Zoning Commission meeting.

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

The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00p.m. at the Lawrence Township Building.

Respectfully,

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Ann Ackerman