

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

February 3, 2020

The members in attendance: George Downes, Joe Hafer, Patrick Kline and Mark Scott, Trustee Don Ackerman and Zoning Inspector Ron Weekley were also present. Glenn Myers and William Woodward were also in attendance. Brad & Mary Jane Rippel were in attendance to discuss a potential lot to purchase with Zoning Inspector Weekley, got their questions answered prior to the meeting and departed.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by George Downes.

November minutes were unable to be approved due to the absence of Frank Bachman. Joe Hafer made a motion to accept the January 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Patrick Kline and the motion passed, minutes accepted.

Trustee Ackerman introduced the board to Glenn Myers who is interested in becoming a member of the Zoning Commission. Mr. Myers introduced himself to the commission. Mr. Myers grew up in Dover moved away and now resides in Lawrence Township and is a retired attorney.

Trustee Ackerman explained the Zoning Commission and alternates needed and what that roll entails. Trustee Ackerman will be attending the Ohio Township Association Conference in Columbus this week and will be looking into workshops related to Zoning. If any Commission member has any questions, please email Trustee Ackerman and he will seek answers.

Chairman Downes asked Trustee Ackerman the procedure to recommend residents to the Zoning Commission. Downes indicated that we received several applicants all worthy of being on the Zoning Commission and/or Board of Zoning Appeals. Downes felt that he would ask the first two applicants who showed interest for the trustees to appoint to the Zoning Commission. Glenn Myers agreed to be presented to the Trustees and Downes will contact Sally Storad to verify she still has an interest. William Woodward applied for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Downes would like to recommend him for that board. Downes will attend the next Trustee meeting on February 13, 2020.

Trustee Ackerman advised the Zoning Commission that Mike Durbin and his attorney attend the recent trustee meeting and discussed a TIFF on his potential development along with advising the school board of the TIFF. He is hoping to have all paperwork to the trustees that they may pass two required resolutions at their February 27, 2020 Trustee meeting.

Chairman Downes suggested holding off on discussing and making arrangements for the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission to meet until further notice.

Zoning Inspector Weekley presented to the Zoning Commission the changes regarding Recreational Facilities in order to have the new potential ball fields comply with zoning, and commission members discussed those changes.

Zoning Inspector Weekley presented to the Zoning Commission the proposed changes to the Zoning classifications along St. Rt. 212 in order to bring all properties into compliance, with some modifications. Commission members discussed the proposed changes of C-1, C-2 and C-3. Holly Heights was discussed being close to a C-3 District. Any expansion to Holly Heights will require storm management and other regulation changes.

Mark Scott made a motion to accept the changes to the Zoning Regulations listed separately but will be attached to the minutes regarding Recreational Facilities. This motion was seconded by Patrick Kline, motion passed unanimously.

Mark Scott made a motion to rezone part of the area of St. Rt. 212 to a C-3 District. The list of all partials included are listed separately but will be attached to the minutes. Joe Hafer seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Inspector Weekley presented to the Commission proposed Resolution 20-01 and 20-02 reflecting the Zoning Regulation changes and the proposed Zoning changes along St. Rt. 212.

Inspector Weekley also proposed the sample notice of public hearing required for the above changes.

Mark Scott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Patrick Kline and meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Lawrence Township Building.

Respectfully,

Ann Ackerman