

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

February 3, 2014

The members in attendance: Stan Koehlinger, Eric McGovern, John Walsh, Tedd Finlayson, Frank Bachman.

Additional attendance: Trustee Don Ackerman, Zoning Inspector Todd Reynolds and Ann Ackerman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stan Koehlinger.

Motion made by Tedd Finlayson and seconded by Eric McGovern to approve the January 6, 2014 meeting minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Todd Reynolds asked the Commission for clarification of R-4 Conditional Use. Clarification can be found in Zoning Regulations 601 and that there was a clerical error that should have read through 601.12 not 601.2A.

Trustee Ackerman reported that McKenna would charge \$1,400 to put on a workshop. Zoning Commission would like to have a workshop. Zoning Commission asked if other townships in our area with zoning regulations might want to participate and share the cost of the workshop.

Trustee Ackerman reported that the trustees approved up to \$2,000 for McKenna to review the proposed changes to the zoning regulations. McKenna came back with a quote of \$3,100 to review the changes. Trustee Ackerman reported that the trustees would like to review the proposed changes before sending them to McKenna. Chairman Koehlinger asked that the members be notified as soon as the trustees have reviewed the changes and what their recommendations are.

Zoning commission could proceed with public hearing on proposed changes but the decision was made to wait for the recommendation of the trustees. Making the proposed changes available to the general public was discussed with the township building, post office and library being location options.

Zoning commission questioned if Attorney Travor should be present at the Appeals Hearing scheduled February 5, 2014. Attorney Travor already provided his recommendations in writing to the trustees.

Tedd Finlayson presented Zoning Software to the commission. This would provide specific applications for each permit required along with valuable information and tools to help with the Zoning.

Trustee Ackerman indicated that he and Todd Reynolds, Zoning Inspector, have discussed setting up a system with a check list of items needed for Zoning.

Fees were discussed and it was determined that Todd Reynolds would provide the trustees with a fee schedule and it was their responsibility to adjust any fees they felt needed adjusted.

Todd Reynolds thanked the members for their help and training.

Tedd Finlayson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Eric McGovern, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2014.

Respectfully, Ann Ackerman