

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

March 7, 2016

The March Zoning Commission began with a public hearing on proposed district change in Lawrence Township.

Commission members in attendance were John Walsh, George Downes and Tedd Finlayson. Also in attendance were Trustee Don Ackerman, Trustee Mike Hauter and Ron Weekley, Zoning Inspector.

Zoning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by acting Chairman John Walsh.

Trustee Ackerman advised the Zoning Commission that he spoke with Terry Burkey and he is going to be working on updating the zoning map and software. Mr. Burkey is meeting with Zoning Inspector Weekley on Friday, March 11, 2016 to start that process.

Eric McGovern and Mark Scott arrived at 6:45 p.m. and John Walsh started the public hearing. There was no public participation. Tedd Finlayson made a motion to accept Resolution 16-01 to change the commercial zoning district, namely the "C-1 District" on the north side of St. Rt. 212 from Fairoaks Blvd to Kerns Dr. and on the south side of St. Rt. 212 from Fairoaks Blvd. to Jeanne Anne Lane, to be amended to a "C-2 District". George Downs seconded the motion, which passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays. Eric McGovern recused himself from the vote, as he has a business in the proposed location. It was resolved that this resolution is to be forwarded to the Board of Lawrence Township Trustees for their consideration.

Zoning Commission resumed regular monthly meeting. Motion was made by Tedd Finlayson to approve the February 1, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Eric McGovern and motion passed unanimously.

Acting Chairman Walsh advised the commission that a Chairman and Vice-Chairman needs to be determined. Mark Scott made a motion to nominate John Walsh as Chairman, and that motion was seconded by George Downes. Motion passed unanimously and John Walsh was named Chairman of the Zoning Commission. Eric McGovern made a motion to nominate Tedd Finlayson as Vice-Chairman, and that motion was seconded by John Walsh. Motion passed unanimously and Tedd Finlayson was named Vice-Chairman of the Zoning Commission.

Chairman Walsh asked that the zoning map on the Lawrence Township web site be removed as it is not an accurate map, and once the updated map is certified and signed, it will be added to the web site.

Chairman Walsh asked Zoning Inspector Weekley if he checked the set back on a house being built with previous set back questions. Inspector Weekley did check and verified that the house is indeed within zoning regulations.

Chairman Walsh then went over an email sent by Tedd Finlayson, and clarified that if a member is unable to attend, the alternate will fill in for the meeting. If a member recuses himself from a vote, an alternate cannot step in for that vote only. The member would have to recuse himself from the entire meeting for an alternate to step in.

Member Mark Scott left at 7:35 p.m.

Inspector Weekley advised the Zoning Commission that he has received the proper paperwork from Mr. Ron Deal of the Zoar Market to request a zoning change on some of his parcels from residential to commercial. Weekley advised that certified letters need to be sent to all adjoining property owners of this proposal. According to the Zoning Resolution, property across the street is also considered adjoining and will receive certified letters as well. Weekley advised that Mr. Deal is applying for this change so that he can expand his business, as he is unable to do that with the current zoning. Zoning Commission determined that they will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Lawrence Township Hall. Letters will go out and a legal notice will be published in the Times Reporter.

Inspector Weekley asked the Zoning Commission for clarification on the zoning of Holly Heights. Zoning Commission advised that Holly Heights is in an R-1 District.

Inspector Weekley advised the Zoning Commission that a Wi-Fi tower is being proposed to be placed on Arrowhead Rd.

Zoning Commission discussed Article 5 and Table 601.

Tedd Finlayson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Eric McGovern, motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2016 immediately following the public hearing which starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawrence Township Hall.

Respectfully, Ann Ackerman