

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

September 12, 2016

The members in attendance: Chairman John Walsh, George Downes, Mark Scott and Frank Bachman. Chairman Trustee Don Ackerman and Zoning Inspector Ron Weekley were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John Walsh.

George Downes made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting, seconded by Frank Bachman, and motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Ackerman advised the Zoning Commission that Terry Burkey updated the zoning map and Ron Weekley has been trained. Training for Todd Reynolds and Ann Ackerman are being set up as well. There are a few upgrades that need to be worked out and then the map will be presented to the Zoning Commission for approval, and then added to the web site.

Zoning Inspector Weekley advised the board that Nilodor is planning on expanding and has requested an Enterprise Zone Agreement. Weekley also indicated that the current industrial park is almost to capacity and another industrial park is needed if the township desires to attract more businesses.

Zoning Inspector Weekley stated that the medical marijuana bill was effective September 8, 2016. The trustees signed a blanket agreement that no one could cultivate, process or dispense medical marijuana in Lawrence Township. George Downes indicated that he has read that neighboring government agencies are doing the same. Frank Bachman questioned if the zoning commission should be proactive and get zoning in place. Trustee Ackerman will check with county prosecutor to see if that can be done.

Trustee Ackerman reviewed an architectural drawing of Zoar Market and asked Weekley to reach out to Ron Deal, owner of the market, as the drawings appear to have a drive thru. Also discussed were the landscaping that Mr. Deal was to complete and that business vehicles are still being parked on the property which is against zoning. Weekley advised that all parcel changes that Mr. Deal agreed to have been completed.

Trustee Ackerman advised Weekley of a huge oil tank on property on County Rd. 99. Weekley to look into it, and also verify a business is not being run out of the property.

Trustee Ackerman advised the commission that Joe Rinehart was at the last trustee meeting and wanted to put a snack stand for bikes on the Towpath Trail. He was advised that the property owner would have to apply.

Inspector Weekley was asked about the property that appeared to be a junk yard. He informed the zoning commission that the resident has been doing a good job cleaning up the property.

Inspector Weekley was advised of a neighbor complaint about new construction next door and some utility work being done that entered her yard. She is trying to get the builder and/or homeowner to make repairs. Trustee Ackerman asked Weekley to reach out to the resident.

Inspector Weekley informed the board that the home on St. Rt. 212 sold, but it is in a commercial zone. This can be a residence as it was built prior to zoning. The building that formerly housed Koehlinger Engineering was sold and a real estate agency is moving in. All zoning issues have been resolved with Lockport Brewery and it should be opening soon.

The commission then reviewed the zoning regulations. Mark Scott made a motion to approve changes in Section 303.2A4 and 304.2A. Frank Bachman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Inspector Weekley is to provide the commission with an updated Table 601 for the October meeting.

Frank Bachman made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by George Downes, motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.

Next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lawrence Township Building.

Respectfully,

Ann Ackerman