

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

May 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Mark Scott.

The members in attendance: Mark Scott, Joe Hafer, Sally Stora and Roxanne Kane. Trustee Don Ackerman and Zoning Inspector Ron Weekley were also present. Bill Woodward of the BZA, present.

Stora made a motion to approve April 3, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Kane, all approved.

Trustee Ackerman informed, out of respect for the Zoning Commission, that Trustee Matt Ritterbeck is in trouble- it is in the paper. It's an unfortunate situation, and we will all support Trustee Ritterbeck until everything is ironed out. Stora brought up the opportunity to ask ODOT to consider taking the hump out of the road a Kerns and SR 212 while the Dollar General is adding the required turn lane for their new location. Don has tried reaching out to Joe Bachman without success in the past. Also mentioned was the need for street lighting at the intersection of SR 212 and CR 103. Ackerman states Trustees interest in Township change to monument signs.

Weekley stated the Dollar General was approved at the April 19, 2023 hearing. People were upset, but the variance was for parking spaces. Mattingly who will own the Dollar General building stated the new contract with Dollar General will enforce upkeep of the property, including the parking lot and mowing. He did agree to add a hill and shrubbery as a barrier to help block lighting and noise for the residential area behind the new location. Barco Investments was denied their conditional use request on April 25, 2023. No one with Barco Investments showed up to the hearing. Tipka didn't show that either building will be a primary residence. With the Lawrence Township zoning regulations granny cottage section stating that one of the buildings must be owner occupied. Since no one from Barco Investments was present for the hearing, Ackerman requested Weekley send out a certified letter letting her know that the BZA denied the granny cottage request. Weekley also received information from CSB for a new location on the Wilkshire Boulevard.

Hafer motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., Stora 2nd, all approved.

The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023 at the Lawrence Township Building at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Martina Mann