

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

June 5, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice Chairman Mark Scott.

The members in attendance: Mark Scott, Joe Hafer, Sally Storar and Roxanne Kane. Robert Eddy, ZC alternate was also present. Trustee Don Ackerman and Zoning Inspector Ron Weekley were also present. Bill Woodward of the BZA, present. Guest Rose Tipka was present.

Rose Tipka of Barco Investments spoke of vacation rentals and the do's and don'ts. AirBNB & VRBO are different style rentals. Sound monitoring through monitoring devices, with notification to owner and monitoring company if exceeds certain decibels. Her concerns while running the business are the "big 3" which are trash, parking, and noise. Trustee Ackerman explained to Rose and the ZC the importance of having an immediate point of contact. The need to have someone to reach if there is a problem at the rental. He also expressed the importance of being transparent in all business aspects. Storar stated the lack of participation in the BZA hearing and the secrecy that seems to exist.

Storar made a motion to approve May 8, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Kane, all approved.

Trustee Ackerman stated that there has been a lot of movement with the Massarelli Baseball complex. The Memorial Day ceremony was held, but was small this year. The American Legion will no longer have enough members to hold the ceremony after this year. Ackerman recommended having Dee Grossman speak at a Zoning Commission meeting about short-term rentals.

Weekley stated the Trustees approved the new zoning resolution before the regular Trustees meeting on May 25, and will be law beginning June 25, 2023.

Hafer motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m., Storar 2nd, all approved.

The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 at the Lawrence Township Building at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Martina Mann