

Greenfield Township Zoning Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2017

- **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by the committee chairman at 6:00 p.m. on February 21, 2017, at the Greenfield Township Firehouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited at the opening of the meeting.

- **Roll call**

The Chairman conducted a roll call, asking each member to give name and address. The following members were present:

Jack Barr, 1642 Winding Oak Dr.

Jim Beiter, 416 Coonpath Rd.

Bob Paulus, 4075 Stringtown Rd.

Kim Wickham, 5964 Havensport Rd.

Guests: John Reef Sr., Lonnie A. Kosch Sr., Dave Cotner, Steve Eversole, Gary Smith

- **Review of Minutes of January Meeting**

Minutes from the January 17, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Kim moved to approve the minutes. Jim seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken: Jack, Yes; Jim, Yes; Bob, Yes; Kim, Yes. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

- **Review of Permits and Fee Report**

No report reviewed.

- **Zoning Inspector's Comments and Suggestions**

No report from zoning inspector.

- **New Business**

Kim brought up the fact that the township's zoning inspector has not been at the zoning meetings for 3 months. Her concern is that he is the commission's link to the township's zoning issues. With the zoning resolution undergoing changes and reorganization, the inspector's input would be helpful.

The committee and trustees then discussed with Gary some frustrations about encouraging the county prosecutor's office to enforce township issues.

- **Comments from Gary Smith Regarding Zoning Resolution Update**

Gary continued discussion about signs in our community. Most of our resolution changes are a reorganization of current information into an order that will be easier to read. He recommended the following changes:

Applications for approval of signs needs to have a due date that is enough in advance to receive a recommendation from Regional Planning before the next zoning meeting in order to meet the O.R.C.

Off-premises signs should be a temporary sign (1 month or less), otherwise it would fall into the billboard category.

Temporary signs for community events could be available at little to no charge to encourage people to get a permit and should be good for 45 days.

A property that is for sale and has frontage on two roads should be allowed a sign on each road frontage.

Store open/hours of operation signage should be allowed with no permit as long as it does not exceed 4 sq. ft. to encourage good business/customer relations.

Electronic signs to include outdoor video screens, billboards and digital signs need more regulation than we currently have. This area is increasing in scope as technology grows, so we need to plan for future expansion. Gary will look into Ohio regulations for brightness and time limits on digital signs.

- **Next meeting**

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 6:00pm at the Greenfield Township Firehouse

- **Adjournment**

Jim Beiter moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jack Barr. A Roll Call vote was taken: Jack, Yes; Jim, Yes; Bob, Yes; Kim, Yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Wolfe, secretary.

Approved 3/21/17