Greenfield Township Zoning Commission

Hearing Minutes

September 6, 2022

Call to order

The Hearing was called to order by Jeff Zech, Chair, at 6:00 p.m. on September 6, 2022, at the Greenfield Township Firehouse Meeting Room. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited at the opening of the Meeting.

Roll call

The Chair requested a roll call:

Patrick Callahan
June Queen
Jeff Zech
Jack Barr
Kim Wickham

Caitlin Barbee - Greenfield Township Zoning Inspector

Other Attendees:

Andrew Stevenson, Attorney – Guest; Greenfield Township Resident & President of the Citizens For The Preservation of Carroll, Ohio (organization).

Discussion

Jeff Zech presented the purpose of the Hearing is to present the proposed updates to the Zoning Code of Greenfield Township, Sections 340 and 345.

Jeff Zech swore in Andrew Stevenson.

Mr. Stevenson stated concern for tighter language in both Sections 340 and 345 in regard to establishment of residences. He cited examples of micro hotels, pod living, dormitories, and permanent versus residential units. He stated temporary and/or permanent residences cannot be established in a business district. Mr. Stevenson stated importance of clear definitions/terms within the Zoning Code of Greenfield Township.

Jeff Zech explained that language was previously in the Code for establishment of residences. The Commission discussed and agreed that the current language and definitions need clarified and tightened.

Mr. Stevenson recommended the following language update/clarification: "Residential units of any kind or for any purpose are not permitted."

Jeff Zech summarized the recommendation. The Zoning Commission commenced discussion. The Zoning Commission agreed with the language updated recommendation and suggested this be added to both Section 340 and Section 345.

Caitlin Barbee, Zoning Inspector, stated she would check with the RPC to ensure this added update would be permissible at this time. If yes, the documents will undergo update by June Queen, Secretary, and submitted to the Trustees to accompany the Zoning Hearing Letter.

Pat Callahan made a Motion to update the Zoning Code of Greenfield Township, Section 340 and Section 345, as follows: "Residential units of any kind or for any purpose are not permitted." Jack Barr seconded the Motion. Vote was taken: Patrick Callahan, yes; June Queen, yes; Jeff Zech, yes; Jack Barr, yes; Kim Wickham, yes. Motion passed.

Jack Barr made a Motion to send the updated sections of the Zoning Code of Greenfield Township, Section 340 and Section 345, to the Trustees, and to accompany the Zoning Hearing Letter. Pat Callahan seconded the Motion. Vote was taken: Patrick Callahan, yes; June Queen, yes; Jeff Zech, yes; Jack Barr, yes; Kim Wickham, yes. Motion passed.

Next Public Hearing

There are currently no upcoming Hearings scheduled for the Zoning Commission.

Adjournment

Jack Barr made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting, and Jeff Zech seconded the Motion. Vote was taken: Patrick Callahan, yes; June Queen, yes; Jeff Zech, yes; Jack Barr, yes; Kim Wickham, yes. The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 pm.