

Minutes of Zoning Commission

January 27, 2010

The regular meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Mr. Donald Sheehy, Chairman at 7:00 P.M. Members present were: Mr. Steve Hunder; Mr. Charles Nichols, Alternate; Mr. Ken Watson and Mr. Stephen Yingling.

Secretary's note: The meeting for December 29, 2009 was cancelled.

MINUTES

Mr. Yingling made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2009 meeting as written.

Mr. Watson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Sass Benza and Mr. Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector met with the zoning commission. Topics discussed were temporary signs, political signs, signage within large shopping centers and strip centers, rezoning of parcels to Active and Passive Public Park Districts, proposed professional planner, future work-session with township trustees, board of zoning appeals and zoning commission, septic systems, sewers, water wells, redevelopment issues, general welfare, cluster zoning and the treatment of political subdivisions within the township.

Trustee Sass Benza asked the zoning commission members to compile a punch list of what they would like to talk about at a joint zoning meeting between the township trustees, board of zoning appeals and zoning commission.

The zoning commission members expressed that they would like more input and/or communication from the township trustees.

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

Sunshine Law

Mr. Watson made a motion to adopt and support the Sunshine Law as provided in the O.R.C. 121.22.

Mr. Hunder seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Hunder, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Watson, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

Secretary

Mr. Hunder made a motion to reappoint Linda Zimmerman as secretary for the zoning commission.

Mr. Yingling seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Hunder, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Watson, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

Meeting Notification

Mr. Nichols made a motion that the zoning commission require a \$25.00 fee, 20 self-addressed stamped envelopes and a written request for notification of regular, special and/or emergency meetings of the zoning commission.

Mr. Sheehy seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Hunder, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Watson, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

Meeting Schedule

Mr. Yingling made a motion to retain the same meeting schedule as in 2009. (The last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.)

Mr. Watson seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Hunder, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Watson, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

Acceptance of Proposed Amendments

The zoning commission was in general agreement to retain the policy of accepting any proposed amendment applications on the last meeting night of each month. (Generally to be the last Tuesday of the month.)

Election of Officers

Chairman

Mr. Yingling made a motion to nominate Mr. Sheehy as Chairman.

Mr. Watson seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Hunder, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Watson, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

Vice Chairman

Mr. Watson made a motion to nominate Mr. Yingling as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Hunder, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Watson, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

CORRESPONDENCE

The zoning commission was in general agreement to accept all correspondence via email transmissions effective immediately.

1. Copy of letter from David C. Dietrich, Geauga County Planning Commission to Mr. William Fehrenbach, South Franklin Circle, dated November 12, 2009. RE: South Franklin Circle (Easement Plat for Utilities) – Final Plat.
2. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes, dated October 22, 2009, November 19, 2009 and December 17, 2009.
3. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, dated June 6, 2009, September 28, 2009, October 5, 2009, October 12, 2009, October 15, 2009, October 19, 2009, October 26, 2009, November 2, 2009, November 9, 2009, November 23, 2009, November 30, 2009, December 7, 2009.
4. Zoning Permits Reports, dated October 2009, November 2009 and December 2009.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission, Mr. Yingling made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Zoning Secretary

Donald Sheehy, Chairman

Date Approved: February 23, 2010

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