

## Minutes of Zoning Commission

January 31, 2008

The regular meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Mr. David Weiss, Chairman, at 7:30 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Denise Januska, Ms. Lorrie Sass, Mr. Donald Sheehy and Mr. Stephen Yingling.

### MINUTES

Mr. Yingling made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the November 29, 2007 meeting as written.

Ms. Sass seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITING PUBLIC

Students from Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin were in attendance to observe a township government meeting as an assignment for their government class. Ms. Sass explained how township government works to the students and Mr. Yingling explained the role of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

### ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

#### Sunshine Law

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

Ms. Sass seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Januska, aye; Ms. Sass, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Weiss, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

#### Secretary

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

Mr. Sheehy seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Januska, aye; Ms. Sass, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Weiss, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

### Meeting Notification

Mr. Weiss 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. Yingling seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Januska, aye; Ms. Sass, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Weiss, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

### Meeting Schedule

Mr. Weiss made a motion to retain the same meeting schedule as in 2007 (The last Thursday of each month at the Town Hall) however, change the time to **7:00 P.M.**

Ms. Januska seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Januska, aye; Ms. Sass, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Weiss, 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 Thursday of the month.)

### Election of Officers

#### Chairman

Mr. Weiss made a motion to nominate Ms. Sass as Chairman.

Mr. Sheehy seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Januska, aye; Ms. Sass, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Weiss, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

#### Vice Chairman

Mr. Weiss made a motion to nominate Ms. Januska as Vice Chairman.

Ms. Sass seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Januska, aye; Ms. Sass, aye; Mr. Sheehy, aye; Mr. Weiss, aye; Mr. Yingling, aye.

Ms. Sass assumed the role of Chairman and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Chagrin River Watershed Partners

The zoning commission discussed the letter from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, dated July 10, 2007 regarding Funding for Member Comprehensive/Land Use Plan Updates and the township's current land use plan.

### Former Geauga Lake Park Property

The zoning commission discussed the property at the former Geauga Lake Park site. The members asked the students in attendance what they would like to see on that site and the male students responded that they would like an indoor/outdoor water park and the female students would like a Cocker Park type of shopping center.

### Chagrin River Balanced Growth Pilot Project

The zoning commission discussed the proposal by the Chagrin River Watershed Partners. They were in agreement that given the potential for future changes at the former Geauga Lake Park property and the Route 422 interchange, a study would be most viable for the E. Washington Street and Route 306 (Chillicothe Road) corridor.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, dated November 12, 2007, November 19, 2007, November 26, 2007, December 3, 2007, December 10, 2007, December 17, 2007, January 2, 2008.
2. Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes, dated November 15, 2007 and December 20, 2007.
3. Memo from Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc., dated July 10, 2007. RE: Funding for Member Comprehensive/Land Use plan Updates.
4. Copy of letter from Amy Holtzhouse-Brennan, Chagrin River Watershed Partners to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, dated December 18, 2007. RE: Balanced Growth Initiative Pilot Program.
5. Copy of letter to Reed Gilbert from Michael J. Joyce, Zoning Inspector, dated January 7, 2008. RE: Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Mr. Yingling seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda L. Zimmerman  
Zoning Secretary

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Lorrie Sass, Chairman

Date Approved: 2/28/2008

