

## Minutes of Zoning Commission

January 31, 2017

The regular meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Mr. Charles Nichols, Acting Chairman at 7:12 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Shannon Byrne; Mr. John Lateulere and Mr. Howard Miller, Alternate. Mr. Brent Classen was absent. Ms. Karen Endres, Zoning Inspector was present.

### MINUTES

Mr. Miller moved to adopt the minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting as written.

Ms. Byrne seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, aye; Mr. Lateulere, abstain; Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye.

Mr. Miller moved to adopt the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting as written.

Ms. Byrne seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, aye; Mr. Lateulere, abstain; Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye.

Mr. Lateulere moved to adopt the minutes of the November 29, 2016 meeting as written.

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, abstain; Mr. Lateulere, aye; Mr. Miller, abstain; Mr. Nichols, aye.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Resignation

The Zoning Commission members acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Justin Czekaj and expressed their gratitude for his service on the commission.

#### Geauga County Zoning Inspector's Meeting

Ms. Endres announced that Bainbridge Township is hosting the Geauga County Zoning Inspector's meeting on February 8, 2017 at the Centerville Mills Park Dining Hall and two Zoning Commission members are welcome to attend. The Zoning Commission was in agreement for Mr. Lateulere and Mr. Miller to attend the meeting.

### In-Law Suites

The Zoning Commission acknowledged that with the aging population in Bainbridge Township more residents are inquiring about potential in-law suites. A discussion was held with Ms. Endres regarding shared entryways versus separate entryways and square footage limitations.

### Organizational Session

#### Sunshine Law

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

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, aye; Mr. Lateulere, aye; Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye.

#### Secretary

Mr. Miller made a motion to reappoint Linda Zimmerman as secretary for the Zoning Commission.

Ms. Byrne seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, aye; Mr. Lateulere, aye; Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye.

#### Meeting Schedule

Mr. Miller made a motion to hold the regular meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Ms. Byrne seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, aye; Mr. Lateulere, aye; Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Nichols, 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. Miller made a motion to nominate Mr. Nichols as Chairman.

Ms. Byrne seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, aye; Mr. Lateulere, aye; Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye.

### Vice Chairman

Mr. Nichols made a motion to nominate Mr. Lateulere as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, aye; Mr. Lateulere, aye; Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye.

## Proposed Agricultural Zoning Amendment (Chapter 157.03)

The Zoning Commission acknowledged the letter from Ms. Katherine Fox, dated January 26, 2017 withdrawing her zoning amendment application.

The zoning amendment application submitted by Ms. Fox was withdrawn before the zoning amendment process began therefore the Zoning Commission was in agreement to refund the \$1,000.00 application fee to Ms. Fox.

Mr. Lateulere moved to recommend refunding the application fee for the proposed amendment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Ms. Katherine Fox.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Byrne, aye; Mr. Lateulere, aye; Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The Zoning Commission acknowledged the special meeting, to be held by the Board of Trustees on February 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., to conduct a work session relative to the overall development of the Geauga Lake/Cedar Fair property.

OLD BUSINESS

Medical Marijuana

The Zoning Commission was in agreement to proceed with initiating a zoning amendment for Medical Marijuana at the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held February 28, 2017.

Proposed Subdivision Tables and Development Standards

The Zoning Commission reviewed the proposed subdivision tables and development standards with Ms. Endres.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes dated, July 11, 2016; November 14, 2016; November 28, 2016; December 7, 2016; December 9, 2016; December 12, 2016; December 17, 2016 and December 19, 2016.
2. Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes dated, November 17, 2016 and December 15, 2016.
3. Letter from Citizens Against Marijuana. RE: HB 523.
4. Memo from the Geauga County Planning Commission, dated January 13, 2017. RE: Geauga County Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2017.

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

Ms. Byrne seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda L. Zimmerman  
Zoning Secretary

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Charles Nichols, Chairman

Date Approved: 2/28/2017