

Minutes of Zoning Commission

October 30, 2008

The regular meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Mr. David Weiss, Chairman at 7:05 P.M. Members present were: Mr. Scott Raypholtz, Mr. Steve Hunder and Mr. Stephen Yingling. Mr. Donald Sheehy was absent.

MINUTES

Mr. Yingling made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2008 meeting as written.

Mr. Hunder seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2008 meeting as written.

Mr. Yingling seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chagrin River Balanced Growth Plan

Ms. Amy Brennan, Director of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners Inc. gave a presentation on the Balanced Growth Program. The Chagrin River Watershed Partners Inc. has identified recommended locations for draft Priority Development Areas and Priority Conservation Areas throughout the watershed and is doing this work for its members as a Pilot Project under the Ohio Balanced Growth Program. It is a community driven Plan to balance growth and development and through this Plan, CRWP will provide assistance to member communities.

Ms. Brennan said she would like feedback from the zoning commission on the Priority Conservation and Development areas and would love to have Bainbridge Township included in this Plan. The township trustees would have to adopt the map as a zoning resolution but it will not change the zoning or the zoning map.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Wood, President of the Woods of Wembley Homeowners Association and residents met with the zoning commission regarding the proposed gas and oil well drilling at the Golf Dome and Movie Theater on E. Washington Street adjacent to the Woods of Wembley Subdivision. The residents stated their concerns about their well water and the safety of their children.

Mr. Weiss gave a history on the township's former gas and oil well drilling regulations and noted that the State of Ohio took the regulations and enforcement away from townships.

The residents submitted a copy of a letter to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, dated October 30, 2008 regarding the application for drilling at 8198 East Washington Street on behalf of the Woods of Wembley Homeowners.

OTHER BUSINESS

Proposed Zoning Amendment – Riparian Setbacks

The zoning commission reviewed the Model Township Zoning Resolution as prepared by the Geauga County Planning Commission regarding Riparian Setbacks with the inclusion of Wetlands. A proposed zoning amendment will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Meeting Schedule

The zoning commission members reviewed the meeting schedule for November and December. The regularly scheduled meetings will fall on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The members were in agreement to reschedule the meeting for November and to cancel the meeting for December.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to change the date of the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 27, 2008 to Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. and to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting in December.

Mr. Hunder seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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. Weiss seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Zoning Secretary

David Weiss, Chairman

Date Approved