

Minutes of Zoning Commission

November 29, 2007

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 October 25, 2007 meeting as written.

Ms. Sass seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITING PUBLIC

Students were in attendance to observe a township government meeting. Ms. Sass explained how township government works to the students.

Zoning Inspector

Ms. Sass introduced Mr. Michael Joyce, new Bainbridge Township Zoning Inspector, to the zoning commission.

OLD BUSINESS

StabiliGrid

The zoning commission members discussed the product Stabiligrd that is used for parking areas and driveways and were in agreement that it is considered lot coverage.

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:45 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning Amendment Z-2007-1

Mr. Weiss called the public hearing to order at 7:45 P.M. Members present were Ms. Denise Januska, Ms. Lorrie Sass, Mr. Donald Sheehy and Mr. Stephen Yingling.

Proposed amendment Z-2007-1 is a motion by the zoning commission to amend the definition of structure as follows:

"Structure" means anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires a ~~fixed~~ location on the ground or is attached to something having a ~~fixed~~ location on the ground, and includes, but is not limited to, buildings, parking areas, driveways, fences, seating facilities, platforms, backstops, pergolas, ponds, pools, poles, tanks, tents, towers, transformer substations, signs, walls, canopies, air supported structures, street gutters, detention basins, extended detention basins, retention basins, constructed wetlands, infiltration basins, catch basins, oil/water separators, sediment basins, modular, porous and solid pavements, and aggregate stone driveways, parking lots and sidewalks. ***Structure also includes any edifice used for storage.***

Mr. Weiss explained the proposed amendment regarding the definition of structure and that the existing definition requires a structure to be fixed to the ground and by removing the word "fixed" it eliminates someone using the back of a tractor trailer for storage. He also noted that the zoning commission added "Structure also includes any edifice used for storage." to the proposed amendment.

Ms. Sass said it will also regulate temporary structures such as pods.

Mr. Weiss solicited comments for the amendment: None.

Mr. Weiss solicited comments against the amendment: None.

Mr. Weiss closed the public hearing at 7:52 P.M.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:52 P.M.

Z-2007-1

Mr. Weiss made a motion to recommend approval of Z-2007-1.

Ms. Sass seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Geauga Lake Park

The zoning commission discussed the property located at the former Geauga Lake Park.

Meeting Schedule

The zoning commission was in agreement to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting of December 27, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, dated July 2, 2007, September 24, 2007, October 15, 2007, October 22, 2007, October 29, 2007, November 5, 2007.
2. Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes, dated October 18, 2007.
3. Memo from David C. Dietrich, Geauga County Planning Director, dated October 25, 2007. RE: Bainbridge-River Development Company (Dedication and vacation Plat of Water Line Easement) – Final Plat.
4. Memo from David C. Dietrich, Geauga County Planning Commission, dated October 29, 2007. RE: Township Zoning Amendment Procedure.
5. Memo from David C. Dietrich, Geauga County Planning Director, dated November 6, 2007. RE: Agenda for November 13, 2007 County Planning Commission Meeting.
6. Copy of letter to Mr. Hugh Edwards, Bainbridge River Development Company from the Geauga County Planning Commission, dated November 14, 2007. RE: Bainbridge River Development Company (Dedication and Vacation Plat of Water Line Easement in Canyon Lake Colony Subdivision) – Final Plat.

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

Ms. Sass seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Zoning Secretary

David Weiss, Chairman

Date Approved: 1/31/2008

