

Minutes of Zoning Commission

March 29, 2011

The regular meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Mr. Donald Sheehy, Chairman at 7:05 P.M. Members present were: Mr. Steve Hunder, Mr. Howard Miller, Alternate, Mr. Charles Nichols and Mr. Ken Watson. Mr. Stephen Yingling was absent.

Guests: Mr. Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector
Students from Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School

MINUTES

Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting as written.

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Workshop

The Zoning Commission discussed the recent Zoning Workshop that was held on March 19, 2011.

Mr. Sheehy reported that the Zoning Commission has been given the task of developing an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for the purpose of providing professional assistance with the Geauga Lake Park property and to modernize the existing zoning resolution. The Zoning Commission members were in agreement to have the Board of Trustees and Board of Zoning Appeals offer their comments on the selection process and the zoning resolution. Mr. Sheehy will draft an outline of an RFQ for the next meeting. It was also suggested that a survey be sent to the residents and to obtain input from the school district as well.

Mr. Miller made a motion to recess the regular meeting.

Mr. Watson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:24 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning Amendment Z-2011-1

Mr. Donald Sheehy, Chairman called the public hearing to order at 7:24 P.M. Members present were: Mr. Steve Hunder, Mr. Howard Miller, Alternate, Mr. Charles Nichols and Mr. Ken Watson. Mr. Stephen Yingling was absent.

Proposed amendment Z-2011-1 is a motion by the Zoning Commission to rezone certain Bainbridge Township and Geauga Park District owned properties to Passive and Active Public Park Districts.

Mr. Sheehy explained that this public hearing is a continuance from February 22, 2011 for the proposed amendment which is taking properties that the township already owns and properties owned by the Geauga Park District and rezoning them from the current zoning to a proposed zoning of active and passive public park districts.

Mr. Sheehy solicited comments for the proposed amendment: None.

Mr. Sheehy solicited comments against the proposed amendment: None.

Mr. Watson made a motion to close the public hearing.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

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

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:25 P.M.

Proposed Zoning Amendment Z-2011-1

Mr. Hunder made a motion to recommend approval of Proposed Zoning Amendment Z-2011-1.

Mr. Watson seconded the motion.

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

Proposed Zoning Amendment Z-2011-1 will be forwarded to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

Internet Cafes

The Zoning Commission discussed Internet Cafes and was in agreement to wait until the State of Ohio develops some guidelines or legislation.

Regulations and Standards for Cluster Development as Conditional Uses

The Zoning Commission discussed the current zoning regulations regarding cluster developments as conditional uses and it was suggested that cluster zoning be used as the standard for developments instead. It was noted that cluster development is preferred because there are less roads to plow, less salt, less ditches to clean and it is more attractive and desirable.

CORESSPONDENCE

1. Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes dated January 24, 2011, February 3, 2011, February 14, 2011, February 28, 2011 and March 17, 2011.
2. Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes, dated January 20, 2011 and February 17, 2011.
3. Zoning Permits Report, dated January 2011.

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

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Zoning Secretary

Donald Sheehy, Chairman

Date Approved: 4/26/2011