

Minutes of Zoning Commission

April 26, 2011

The regular meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Mr. Donald Sheehy, Chairman at 7:00 P.M. Members present were: Mr. Steve Hunder, Mr. Howard Miller, Alternate and Mr. Charles Nichols. Mr. Ken Watson and Mr. Stephen Yingling were absent.

Guest: Mr. Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector

MINUTES

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2011 meeting as written.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Windmills

The Zoning Commission discussed Windmills, their noise factor and the impact they could have on a residential district. Mr. Sheehy stated that Auburn Township just initiated a zoning amendment regarding windmills and he will obtain a copy of the proposed zoning amendment.

Gas and Oil Well Drilling

The Zoning Commission discussed Gas and Oil Well Drilling and the hydro-fracking associated with it that can destroy aquifers and noted that a well in Pennsylvania exploded. Mr. Sheehy explained that all of the drilling activities in the state of Ohio are governed by ODNR and cities, villages and townships have no authority regarding the drilling for natural gas and oil.

Z-2011-1

Mr. Nichols reported that the Board of Trustees thanked the Zoning Commission, at their last meeting, for the work that was done on Zoning Amendment Z-2011-1.

The Zoning Commission acknowledged that Zoning Amendment Z-2011-1 was adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 25, 2011 and will become effective on May 25, 2011.

Request for Qualifications

The Zoning Commission reviewed the Request for Qualifications prepared by Mr. Sheehy and discussed potential planners.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to ask the Board of Trustees to expedite the process of hiring professional assistance for the purpose of restructuring and reorganizing the zoning resolution and develop language for a possible new zoning district.

Mr. Hunder seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Internet Cafes

The Zoning Commission discussed Internet Cafes and acknowledged Ohio House Bill 195 that was introduced but not passed yet.

CORESSPONDENCE

1. Copy of letter from David C. Dietrich, Geauga County Planning Commission to Mr. Matt McGill, Bainbridge Shopping Center II, LLC, dated April 13, 2011. RE: Marketplace at Four Corners Subdivision (Re-subdivision Plat for the Remainder of Sublot 8) – Final Plat.
2. Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, dated March 14, 2011; March 19, 2011 and March 21, 2011.
3. Zoning Permits Reports, dated February 2011 and March 2011.

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

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Zoning Secretary

Donald Sheehy, Chairman

Date Approved: May 31, 2011