

## Minutes of Zoning Commission

September 15, 2015

The *special* meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Mr. Steve Hunder, Chairman at 7:15 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Shannon Byrne, Mr. Justin Czekaj and Mr. Howard Miller, Alternate. Mr. Charles Nichols was absent. Ms. Karen Endres, Zoning Inspector was present.

GUESTS: Mrs. Lorrie Benza, Township Trustee  
Ms. Sharon Shellhamer  
Mr. Tim Williams

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Sharon Shellhamer and Mr. Tim Williams met with the Zoning Commission to discuss their concerns regarding the former Geauga Lake Park property.

Ms. Shellhamer stated that it is upsetting and there are multiple environmental factors on the property and she lives 45 minutes away and goes past it on a weekly basis. She said she would like to have a family park there because it is needed, it would bring back revenue and it is heart wrenching that it has been vacant for eight years.

Mr. Steve Hunder, Chairman explained that the township does not own the property, but took measures recently to rezone the property to a Mixed Use so the next owners will have a higher zoning standard and added that the township wanted to protect the lake as well.

Mr. Tim Williams of Florida stated that he used to work at Geauga Lake Park and he would like to see a Downtown Disney and have Geauga Lake Park back again. He said it is a historical landmark and entertainment brings people from other communities so there should be picnic pavilions and kiddie rides and it would bring growth to the area but it looks like a bomb went off. He said Cedar Fair put sale restrictions on the property and Geauga Lake was for families with small children. He said everyone wants the park back, it brought income, jobs and a reason to be in the area.

Ms. Shellhamer said everyone is affected by this and she and Mr. Williams just want to get their voice out there.

They thanked the Zoning Commission for listening and said not to let Cedar Fair strong-arm the township.

## MINUTES

Mr. Czekaj moved to adopt the July 28, 2015 minutes as written.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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Ms. Byrne moved to adopt the August 25, 2015 minutes as written.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Prospective Zoning Commission Member

Mr. Hunder reported that he attended the interview sessions with the prospective Zoning Commission candidates.

### Proposed Comprehensive Zoning Resolution Re-write

The Zoning Commission members discussed the software license for Encode. The quotes have been submitted to the township and a demo is also available. Mr. Hunder will contact Kendig Keast Collaborative to obtain the demo.

### Proposed Meijer Store

Ms. Endres gave an update on the proposed Meijer store.

### Proposed Definitions

The Zoning Commission reviewed the definitions prepared by Mr. Czekaj and Mr. Miller.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, dated August 17, 2015.
2. Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes, dated July 16, 2015.

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

Ms. Byrne seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda L. Zimmerman  
Zoning Secretary

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Steve Hunder, Chairman

Date Approved: October 27, 2015