

Minutes of Zoning Commission

August 29, 2023

The regular meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Ms. Lorrie Sass Benza, Chair at 6:00 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Kristina Alaei; Ms. Stephanie Puzzo; Ms. Marlene Walkush and Ms. Laura Weber, Alternate. Ms. Stacy Westervelt was absent. Mr. John Lateulere arrived after the meeting started. Also present were Mr. Dave Dietrich, Planning and Zoning Coordinator and Dr. Michael Bates, Bainbridge Township Trustee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MINUTES

Ms. Alaei moved to adopt the minutes of the July 25, 2023 meeting as written.

Ms. Walkush seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Alaei, aye; Ms. Benza, aye; Ms. Puzzo, abstain; Ms. Walkush, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Land Use Plan Update

Dr. Michael Bates, Trustee met with the Zoning Commission to discuss the status of the Land Use Plan Update. He said the Board of Trustees decided this is not the time to go through the whole Land Use Plan rewrite and to put a pause/hold on it for now but not a dismissal. He will contact the three applicants and let them know that the township is pausing on the Land Use Plan Update for now and hopefully they will let us keep them in mind when we get back to it. He stated that the Board of Trustees mentioned a possible community survey and perhaps looking at our current plan and seeing if there are some tweaks that can be made to maybe extend its life a little bit. He said this is something that we really have to commit to, both the Board of Trustees and the Zoning Commission for a long period of time and without the energy that is needed the board of trustees thought that it would pause and do some other things and then maybe come back to it.

Training

Training was discussed for the Zoning Commission members. Several members indicated that they have not been exposed to training opportunities and felt as though training would be very helpful. Ms. Benza noted that the Ohio Township Association offers a Virtual Zoning Academy for active and affiliate OTA members. Dr. Bates stated that he is advocating for training for the Zoning Commission members. Ms. Benza will share the information on the OTA's Township Education Subscription that is being launched next year with Dr. Bates.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, dated July 10, 2023 and July 24, 2023.
2. Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals, dated June 15, 2023.

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

Ms. Alaei seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Zoning Commission Secretary

Lorrie Sass Benza, Chair

Date Approved: September 26, 2023