

## Minutes of Zoning Commission

November 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Ms. Lorrie Sass Benza, Chair at 7:02 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Kristina Alaei; Mr. John Lateulere; Ms. Stephanie Puzzo; Ms. Marlene Walkush and Ms. Stacy Westervelt, Alternate. Ms. Laura Weber, Alternate was absent.

Secretary's note: The scheduled meeting for October 31, 2023 was cancelled.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### MINUTES

Mr. Lateulere moved to adopt the minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting as written.

Ms. Puzzo seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Alaei, aye; Ms. Benza, aye; Mr. Lateulere, aye; Ms. Puzzo, aye; Ms. Walkush, aye.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Adult Cannabis Operations – ORC 3780.25

The Zoning Commission held a discussion on Ohio Revised Code Section 3780.25 – Local authority regarding adult use cannabis operators as a result of State Issue 2 – To Commercialize, Regulate, Legalize, and Tax the Adult Use of Cannabis that passed by majority of Ohio voters on November 7, 2023. The statute will become effective on December 7, 2023. After much discussion, if the Board of Trustees takes no action, the Zoning Commission was in agreement to initiate an amendment to the Bainbridge Township Zoning Resolution prohibiting adult use cannabis operators in the township.

#### Meeting Schedule

Mr. Lateulere moved to schedule a special meeting on December 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of initiating a zoning amendment prohibiting adult use cannabis operators in Bainbridge Township.

Ms. Puzzo seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Informal Review of Proposed Zoning Amendments

The Zoning Commission informally reviewed proposed zoning amendments for Chapters 109 – Zoning Inspector, Certificates and Enforcement; Chapter 113 – Zoning Commission and Chapter 117 – Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ms. Benza and Mr. Lateulere will be meeting with Geauga County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Linda Applebaum to review the proposed amendments.

Zoning Commission Chairman

The Zoning Commission discussed the role of Chairman and the importance of changing the chairman role each year with a different member.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, dated September 11, 2023; September 19, 2023; September 25, 2023; October 3, 2023; October 9, 2023 and October 23, 2023.
2. Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes, dated July 20, 2023; September 21, 2023 and October 19, 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.

Mr. Lateulere seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda L. Zimmerman  
Zoning Commission Secretary

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Lorrie Sass Benza, Chair

Date Approved: December 26, 2023