



PLAIN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2018

Chair Greg Eller called the Plain Township Zoning Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attending the Plain Township Zoning Commission Regular Meeting were Greg Eller, Scott Harper, Rick Wieland, Chad Blind, and Mark Sowle. Zoning Officer, Ben Collins and Assistant Zoning Officer, Mary Fee were also in attendance.

The zoning board members introduced themselves to each other.

2018 Election of Chair

Mr. Wieland made a motion to appoint Greg Eller as the 2018 Zoning Commission Chair. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Eller – Yes, Mr. Harper – Yes, Mr. Wieland – Yes, Mr. Blind – Yes, Mr. Sowle – Yes. Motion carried.

2018 Election of Vice Chair

Mr. Wieland made a motion to appoint Scott Harper as the 2018 Zoning Commission Vice Chair. Mr. Eller seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Eller – Yes, Mr. Harper – Yes, Mr. Wieland – Yes, Mr. Blind – Yes, Mr. Sowle – Yes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Collins explained that even though the newly appointed Zoning Commission members were not present at the January 17, 2017 minutes, they were permitted to approve the minutes in order to allow the minutes to be adopted.

Mr. Eller asked the members to review the meeting minutes. Mr. Wieland made a motion to approve the January 17, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Eller seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Eller – Yes, Mr. Harper – Yes, Mr. Wieland – Yes, Mr. Blind – Yes, Mr. Sowle – Yes. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/ CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Collins indicated that additional materials for the board members, including the 2008 Land Use Plan which was emailed, would be available for the new members. The 2012 revision of the plan was stalled when the City of New Albany started their strategic plan in 2013.

Mr. Collins commented that he had expected a Zoning Modification from Oakland Nursery to be presented at this meeting, however, it appears that the modification will be presented at the June meeting. Rezoning applications are rare, the last one being 2010 for the Johnstown Road storage units, NE corner of the township towards Tippet Road. That took 3 years and 4 applications to get that zoning approved.

Mr. Wieland asked about a Home Maintenance Plan. Mr. Collins indicated that the township did not have a maintenance plan, typically Home Maintenance Plan or Exterior Maintenance Codes are found most often in townships that have become more urban nature. Mr. Wieland asked about the cones on Bevelhymer Road. Mr. Collins explained that the cones are there to protect traffic due to the ditch work that had been completed and was causing some problems. Plain Township is working with the Franklin County Engineer to resolve the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Filing Deadlines and Meeting Schedule presented for approval

Mr. Wieland made a motion to approve the 2018 Filing Deadlines and Meeting Schedule. Mr. Eller seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

2018 Rules of Procedure

Mr. Wieland made a motion to approve the 2018 Rules of Procedure. Mr. Blind seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Designate the Zoning Officer as the Secretary of the Zoning Commission

Mr. Wieland made a motion to designate the Zoning Officer as the Secretary of the Zoning Commission. Mr. Sowle seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

2018 Zoning Commission Fees presented for approval

Mr. Wieland made a motion to approve the 2018 Zoning Commission Fees. Mr. Blind seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Collins informed the board that in the past Zoning Commission meetings were on an as needed basis and that unless the township receives an application, there will be no meeting. The township will inform the board the week before if there is an application for review. Mr. Collins told the board to plan on meeting in June and July for the Oakland Nursery modification.

HEARINGS

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Wieland welcomed the new members to the Zoning Commission. Mr. Harper commented that 20 years ago the zoning commission meetings were different. Due to the large amount of development within Plain Township and New Albany at the time, the meetings often had 60 or more people in attendance. The Ackerman Real Estate Offices at the corner of Walnut and Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road was discussed. It was commented that the property was very well done.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wieland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried. The regular meeting of the Plain Township Zoning Commission was adjourned.

****AS APPROVED****



Ben Collins
Zoning Commission Secretary