

Zoning Commission

May 9th

2012

ATTENDING:

Larry Schrader
Bill Arnold
John Yeargin
Janelle Albertoni
David Duma

Jeff Childers (Alternate)
David Vartenuk (Alternate)
Jim Demboski
Jim Albertoni

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Schrader with the roll call and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Schrader asked the commission to review the April meeting minutes. Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duma. Mrs. Albertoni abstained from the vote, all of the other commission members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Schrader thanked the secretary for the new Resolution books.

Mr. Schrader wanted to give a quick review of the minutes from the Portage County Regional Planning Commission (PCRPC) meeting. Claudia James was to give a presentation on the Progress Blvd extension in Insight Industrial Park. Freedom Township is looking into the portable rental storage containers. Visioning signs around Portage County, Mr. Schrader asked Mr. Albertoni if Suffield has any recent sign cases of neon signs or digital moving signs. He said no, RPM is backlit and Grow is attempting to change his.

Mr. Schrader then asked Mr. Yeargin about the "CRA" Community Reinvestment Area. Gives businesses tax breaks for moving in or improvements for existing businesses.

Mr. Yeargin said Mr. Monroe mentioned SEC. 1008.D Powers & Duties on page 166. The question is; why does it mention minerals, does the BZA have the power to act on this and revoke a decision. Mr. Albertoni said that section goes back years, now the state has taken away that our power to act on this. Mr. Yeargin asked Mr. Schrader to contact the Assistant Prosecutor to find out if we are truly powerless and should we remove it or act.

Mr. Arnold had some recommendations if we add them to our resolution concerning the nuisance property standards from the 505.87 to come in line with the state and abide by the growing season. The grass must be 8 inches tall, they must be cited, trustee letter; if no response, another 7 days. The contractor gets sent out to be done as they can get it on the schedule. This is in the appendix to the resolution. We may want to use this information as a guide or write our own. Mr. Schrader asked if this conflicts with the state in any way. Mr. Arnold responded no it adds to that guideline. Mr. Schrader asked if the Zoning Inspector can enforce 505.87 guidelines, the general consensus was no.

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Mr. Albertoni asked if the commission had any plans to remove the barking dogs' appendix from the resolution since we cannot do anything about it. Mr. Schrader said he wasn't sure it was an issue back when it was added, more of an informational item.

The next meeting will be held on June 13th 2012.

Mr. Schrader asked if there was any further business. With nothing else presented a motion was made by Mr. Arnold to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yeargin seconded the motion and all of the commission members voted in favor of the motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Larry Schrader - Chairman

Adam Bey – Zoning Com. Sec.

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold during the June 13th, 2012 Zoning Commission meeting to approve these minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Albertoni. All of the other members voted in favor of the motion.