

The Suffield Township Board of Trustees met at the Administration Building on April 12, 2016 for the purpose of reviewing amendments to the Zoning Resolution as proposed by the Suffield Zoning Commission and to consider action regarding same. Vice Chairman David Vartenuk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Board Members David Vartenuk, Jeff Eldreth and Township Fiscal Officer Lori Calcei.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Vartenuk advised that the purpose of this meeting was to review and consider action regarding amendments to the Zoning Resolution as proposed by the Zoning Commission per their meeting held on March 9, 2016 as submitted to the Trustees by the Commission Secretary per letter dated March 19, 2016 and as acknowledged by the Trustees at their meeting held on March 22, 2016. He also noted that notice of this meeting was published in the Record Courier in accordance with Section 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

After some discussion on each Amendment

It was moved by Mr. Vartenuk and seconded by Mr. Eldreth to approve the following amendments to the Zoning Resolution.

AMENDMENT #1

Article II, Definitions to add

Electronic Signs: Outdoor advertising signs that use digital technology to display changeable content.

AMENDMENT #2

Section 301.2(N) Supplementary Regulations to add

8. Entertainment Device Arcades are prohibited in all zoning districts.

AMENDMENT #3

Section 301.2(S) Supplementary Regulations to change # 5 to read as follows:

Barbed wire fences and electric fences are prohibited in Suffield Township except for agricultural purposes, business security purposes, and by governing regulations.

AMENDMENT #4

Section 301.2(T) Supplementary Regulations to change to read as follows:

Newly constructed structures inhabited or frequently utilized by people shall not be built any closer than one hundred (100) feet from any oil or gas wells, storage tanks and/or separator units.

AMENDMENT #5

Section 503.3 Prohibited signs to add the following to sections A. and B.

Other than electronic signs.

AMENDMENT #6

To add Section 501.13.C.9 Sign Regulations as follows:

SEC. 501.13.C.9 Electronic Signs

Electronic signs must comply with all of the appropriate sign regulations contained in the sign section of the Suffield Township Zoning book. Because of the unique properties of electronic signs, additional concerns need to be addressed.

- A. **Size**-The sign face, per side, shall not exceed thirty-two(32) square feet of illuminated display area.
- B. **Brightness**-The sign must be equipped with operational automatic dimming technology which will adjust the sign's brightness in direct correlation with ambient light conditions. The sign will not exceed 90% of its maximum brightness during the day and 12% at night. The sign will not exceed a brightness level of 0.3 foot candles above ambient light as measured using a foot candle (LUX) meter at a distance depending on sign area. The distance will be calculated as follows: Measuring Distance=

Area of Sing* Sq. ft.	Measurement Distance (ft.)
10	32
15	39
20	45
25	50
30	55
35	59
40	63
45	67
50	71
55	74
60	77
65	81
70	84
75	87
80	89
85	92
90	95
95	97
100	100

For signs with an area in square feet other than those specifically listed in the table(i.e., 12 sq. ft. 400 sq. ft. etc.) the measurement distance may be calculated with the following formula: The square root of the product of the sign area and one-hundred. Example using a 12 square foot sign:

Measurement Distance=square root(12 Sq. Ft.X 100) = 34.6

- C. **Minimum-Message** Display Duration-The minimum message display duration will be 8 seconds.

- D. **Animation**-The use of movement or some element there for, to depict action or create a special effect or scene will be permitted
- E. **Frame Effect**-A visual effect on an electronic sign applied to a single frame to transition from message to the next, the transition shall be an instantaneous change
- F. **Scrolling**-The sideways or vertical movement of the message content shall NOT be permitted
- G. **Flashing**-A pattern of changing light illumination where the sign illumination alternates suddenly between fully illuminated and fully non-illuminated for the purpose of drawing attention to the sign shall NOT be permitted
- H. **Video and Live Streaming**-Use of the sign to display broadcast video or streaming video shall not be permitted
- I. **Message Content**-Zoning shall NOT regulated the content of the message
- J. **Public Service Announcements**-Public service announcements shall be allowed to display emergency information such as Amber Alerts, weather alerts, emergency evacuation information and similar emergency situations when asked by safety officials.

AMENDMENT #7

Section 601.9 Non-Conforming Uses- add the following section
 Sec 601.9 SEASONAL BUSINESS

Seasonal Business is on the operates for a limited time not to exceed 100 days and conducts nonagricultural activity permitted in the district in which it resides. Example would be but not limited to oil spray, pumpkin patch, tree sales, haunted houses.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

Fiscal Officer, Lori Calcei, advised that in accordance with Section 519.11 and 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, a copy of the amended sections of the Zoning Resolution must be filed with the Portage County Recorder.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Vartenuk and seconded by Mr. Eldreth to adjourn the meeting. (7:50 PM)

Roll Call: Mr. Vartenuk- Yes, Mr. Calcei -Absent, Mr.Eldreth- Yes

 Thomas Calcei, Chairmen

 Date

 Lori Calcei,
 Fiscal Officer

 David Vartenuk

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