

BURTON TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

14821 Rapids Road | Burton, Ohio 44021 | 440.834.1500

MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 13, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Burton Township Administration Building

Purpose: Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gorris called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner(s) Present: Nick Gorris, Tim Hess, Mark Sturm, Greg Rinehart. Greg Rinehart filling in for absent Commissioner Joe Walkos.

Absent: Dan Kotek & Joe Walkos - excused.

Visitors: None.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 08, 2020 regular meeting are reviewed. Mr. Hess moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Sturm seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Improvement Letter Status: Ms. O'Neill updated the Commission on the improvement letter submitted to the Trustees, stating that all of the Commission's requests were discussed. Ms. O'Neill is confident that all the requests and suggestions will be met.

Directional Signage (Article VII, Section 704.0A4): With the Commission in agreement, they decided to change the permitted size of directional signs from two (2) to four (4)

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square feet. This change will be reflected in the “working resolution” for the next amendment.

Agricultural Exemptions: The Commission revisited the increasing zoning issues caused by the use of the agricultural exemption. The issues center around the “post-build” use of buildings more as an accessory structure opposed to the agricultural use as to which the building was intended. The Commission agreed that any specifications are contingent on enforcement, and the Commission agreed that enforcement would need to be more strict at the EPA or Prosecutor’s Office level. At this time the Commission does not see how enforcement can be changed at this level.

Conservation Development: There has been no new information regarding Mr. Bonner’s ninety (90) acre property. The Commission discussed the probability of a Township road vs. private road for the property and what a Conservation Easement could potentially do for the Township. The Commission has the opinion that if a Conservation Easement was adopted into the resolution it would need to be on a case by case basis such as a conditional use, most likely through a process like the Zoning Board of Appeals.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustees have provided guidelines for public meetings. They have been posted on the front door and the website. Newspaper notice will include them as well.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for a regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Hess seconded by Mr. Gorris. The voice vote was unanimous.

Chairman, Nick Gorris Date

Secretary, Katie O’Neill Date