

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
6776 Wedgewood Road, Medina, Ohio
February 2, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chair Karen Schoonover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call indicated five members of the Zoning Commission were present: Karen Schoonover, Russ Green, Sherri Meinke, Mike Biskup and Dianne Wenslow (alternate). Matt Strehle arrived at 7:10 p.m. Also present was Zoning Inspector Alliss Strogin.

Minutes

Upon motion by Mike Biskup, duly seconded by Sherri Meinke, the January 5, 2010, meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted and signed.

Upon motion by Sherri Meinke, duly seconded by Mike Biskup, the January 14, 2010, workshop minutes were unanimously approved as submitted and signed.

Correspondence

The secretary distributed the following items:

- January & February 2010 issue of *GrassrootsClippings*
- 2009 Year-end Zoning Permits Report
- MCDPS Webinar Summary – *Planning For Wind Energy*

Zoning Inspector Report

Chair Schoonover inquired about the status of the appeal from the recent BZA decision. The zoning inspector provided a brief background of the case. The zoning secretary reported that all the paperwork had been delivered to the Prosecutor's Office a couple of weeks ago for filing with the court. She also reported that the property owners had retained an attorney and filed a motion to intervene in the case. The court should be scheduling a case management conference within the next few weeks.

Zoning Inspector Strogin reported that after numerous communications between the Medina County Building Department and the Medina County Park District relative to the building constructed by the Park District on Ballash Road the problem was resolved and Tom James (Park District) came in and got the necessary permit.

She also reported that the Medina County Common Pleas Court awarded judgment to the township relative to the Sun & Seed sign on Lafayette Road, which was in violation of zoning. The property owners have until February 5, 2010, to correct the problem or be subject to contempt of court and/or monetary fine.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

- (1) Chair Schoonover stated that the draft of the Comprehensive Plan revision was available (a portion of which was previously given to the board). The next meeting for the Lafayette Township Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall. All are encouraged to attend.

- (2) The Board continued its review and discussion on Signage Definitions or Classification of Signs. The *draft* Classification of Signs terms is included at the end of these minutes.

It was decided that Signage discussion at the next regular meeting would pertain to Computations of Sign Area. The board should review this part of the zoning code before the meeting.

Announcements

- Comprehensive Plan meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.
- Zoning Commission Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the township hall.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Karen Schoonover, duly seconded by Sherri Meinke, it was unanimous that the meeting be adjourned. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Marlene L. Oiler, Certified PP, PLS
Lafayette Township Zoning Commission Secretary

(Note: Minutes approved on 3/2/10.)

(CONTINUATION OF SIGNAGE – DRAFT February 2, 2010)

Public Purpose/Safety Sign. A sign authorized by law to be erected by a public authority, utility, public service organization, or private industry upon the public right-of-way or on private property and which is intended to control traffic; direct, identify or inform the public; or provide needed public service.

Roof Sign. A sign mounted on, and supported by, the main roof portion of a building, or above the uppermost edge of a parapet wall of a building and which is wholly or partially supported by such building. Signs mounted on mansard facades, pent eaves and architectural projections such as canopies or marquees shall not be considered to be roof signs.

Sign Face. The surface upon, against or through which the sign copy is displayed or illustrated, not including structural supports, architectural features of a building or sign structure, nonstructural or decorative trim, or any areas that are separated from the background surface upon which the sign copy is displayed by a distinct delineation, such as a reveal or border.

Temporary Sign. Any sign, banner, flag, pennant, or other display of cloth, canvas, wallboard, board, plastic or other such material, designed to be displayed for a limited period of time.

Wall Sign. Any sign painted on, attached to or erected against or incorporated as a part of the wall of a building or structure with the exposed face of the sign in a plane parallel to the plane of said wall.

Window Sign. A sign affixed to the surface of a window with its message intended to be visible to and readable from the public way or from adjacent property.

Regulations and Miscellaneous Discussion Items.

(Section 406 A. Wall Signs: remove last sentence or change to clarify ‘Buildings facing more than one right-of-way may have signage on both building sides.’)