

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
6776 Wedgewood Road, Medina, Ohio
August 3, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chair Karen Schoonover called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Three members of the Zoning Commission were present: Karen Schoonover, Sherri Meinke, and Dianne Wenslow (alternate). Zoning member Matt Strehle arrived at 7:20 p.m. Russ Green was absent. Also present were Zoning Inspector Alliss Strogin, Mary Kerstens (5073 Columbia Road) and Trustee Zoning Liaison Lynda Bowers arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes

Upon motion by Sherri Meinke, duly seconded by Karen Schoonover, the July 6, 2010, regular meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted and signed.

Correspondence

The secretary distributed the following item:

- August issue of *Grassroots Clippings* newsletter

The secretary advised that she had contacted Denise Testa at the Medina County University Center relative to potential Planning and Zoning classes. Ms. Testa advised that the schedule was not confirmed but tentatively Planning and Zoning II was scheduled on Tuesdays, October 19 through November 30, 2010, at a fee of \$119.00. As more information becomes available it will be distributed and a memo will be sent to the trustees requesting reimbursement of the fee upon completion of the classes. Last year several Board members attended the Introduction Planning and Zoning classes.

Zoning Inspector Report

Zoning Inspector Alliss Strogin reported that she had already talked with the individual at 6065 Carsten Road pertaining to the complaint received relative to that location. The matter is being handled and should be resolved entirely within the next few weeks.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

There was considerable discussion relative to the latest draft of the Comprehensive Plan (dated July 21, 2010) wherein revisions were to be made in Chapters 8, 9 and 10. Those chapters were briefly reviewed. It was noted that the language in Chapter 8 (Implementation Strategies) was softened as requested to reflect, “consider” certain zoning resolution changes or “review” certain zoning resolution items rather than “dictate” changes. One Board member strongly believed that the overall format of Chapters 8, 9 and 10 was all wrong and that these chapters should not be in the Comprehensive Plan but perhaps be put in an Appendix to the document. There was discussion, however, that the grant to Lafayette Township for a comprehensive plan

revision was to include “implementation” and this was one of the reasons necessitating MCDPS to take over the revision.

It was further indicated that apparently some of the earlier corrections/revisions discussed with the Medina County Department of Planning Services personnel (over a period of several months) had not, in fact, been made to the entire document. One item in particular, land acreage, differs as indicated on pages 8, 21 and 24 and this needs to be corrected as well as a notation made whether acreage is Lafayette Township, the Village of Chippewa Lake or Chippewa Lake itself. There were also some items mentioned in Assistant Prosecutor Thorne’s April 27, 2010, letter that have not been reflected in the latest draft. It had been expected that MCDPS would have made all the corrections/revisions previously discussed with them but now it appears that such is not the case.

All Board members should review the latest draft in its entirety and any corrections need to be noted and provided to Chair Karen Schoonover immediately-. Regardless of the amount of time already spent reviewing the previous drafts, it is important that the Board members take the time for this review so hopefully the next meeting with MCDPS (and subsequent corrected draft) will reflect that the Comprehensive Plan can be recommended for approval and forwarded to the trustees for their action. Trustee Zoning Liaison Lynda Bowers will also be in contact with MCDPS relative to this matter.

Announcements

The next Zoning Commission regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 7:00 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 8:27 p.m.

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

(Note: Minutes approved on 9/7/10.)