

Held

February 27,

2007

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Goll on February 27, 2007 at the Etna Township Hall. Roll Call: Mr. Chew, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Goll, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Johnson, and Laura Brown present.

The purpose of this meeting was to approve minutes from the meeting on February 8, 2007 and to hold the annual meeting with the Board of Trustees.

Cheri Rogers moved to waive the public reading and to approve the minutes from the adjudicatory hearing on February 8, 2007. Michelle Weber seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Weber, yes; Mr. Goll, yes; Mrs. Rogers, yes; and Mr. Johnson, yes. Passed 4-0. Rick Cox was absent.

The final orders and findings of facts were signed.

The Board of Trustees called their meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Dick Knapp spoke regarding communications between the boards and the procedures of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Paul George stated the Board of Zoning Appeals is doing a wonderful job and he was proud to have them as members of the BZA. He would like them to let the Trustees know if there are any ways they could support them.

David Goll explained when a hearing is scheduled the board looks at how many notification letters are sent, the Board of Zoning Appeals members, court reporter, attorney's, witnesses and if the attendance is 40 or under the hearing is held at that township hall. If it exceeds 40 then the board will move the hearing to another location. The Board discussed obtaining the approval for the off site location. Cheri Rogers asked if the BZA could have a discretionary fund for change in venue or a court reporter. Gary Burkholder stated the Trustees have a spending authority of \$1,000 a quarter and the President or Vice-president of the board would have discretionary authority to expend the money for the court reporter or location. The court reporter is \$90.00 per hour. The church charged \$50.00 a meeting. Cheri Rogers asked what happens when the President or the Vice-president does not want to approve the expense. The BZA knows the attendance is more than 40 and the Trustee wants the meeting held in town hall. Gary Burkholder stated that would make the Trustees answerable to the citizens in the community. Gary Burkholder has been concerned when it has been held at town hall that there would be an overflow but does not think there has been a problem so far, the formula seems to be working. Dick Knapp stated if the board needs to move the venue then one of the Trustees would approve the venue.

Cheri Rogers explained in the January Organization meeting the board approved using the Pataskala Standard as the primary paper and then the Newark Advocate when there are time restraints. The notice is also run in the Pataskala Standard when the board needs to use the Newark Advocate. The Trustees passed the same policy for their legal notices. Cheri Rogers also explained the board has used the yard signs and the hearings have been posted to the website. Dick Knapp asked if the website meets the ten day obligation. Only the newspaper notification can serve as the ten day prior to the meeting notification. The yard signs and the website are courtesy notifications. Gary Burkholder feels the advocate is under-circulated in this area, he feels the Pataskala Standard is circulated higher. Paul George stated the last count he had on the Pataskala Standard was 13% but it was probably ten years ago since he checked it. Dick Knapp had requested the circulation numbers last year before the organizational meeting and the Pataskala Standard was the higher number with the Newark Advocate next and he could not remember where the Columbus Dispatch came in.

Gary Burkholder wanted to notify the BZA that the township is looking at redoing the Zoning Resolution. He also discussed a comprehensive sign plan. Gary Burkholder has had some complaints on the sign at the bank. The sign has to be off from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK CO., FORM NO. 1014B

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Gary Burkholder would like to address the height of the sign similar to what Reynoldsburg is doing with the streetscape. David Goll discussed the height allowable for when the sign is on the building. Phil Chew stated a sign on the building may be better than the free standing sign.

Gary Burkholder also discussed architectural review Gary Burkholder feels the input from the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Zoning Commission and the Trustees is beneficial. Gary Burkholder feels the move the zoning office can inspect ahead of time keeps the problems from going to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Cheri Rogers stated that Laura Brown serves as the clerk. She does not have to justify the actions and decisions of the Board. If the Trustees have a question it should be directed to the chairman, vice-chairman or another member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Gary Burkholder felt that was a fair request. Jeff Johnson discussed attending the Trustees meeting and the influence on the board members. Jeff Johnson would rather what for the hearing to hear the evidence. Paul George stated the members need to come to the board if they have a concern. Dick Knapp and Gary Burkholder felt the same way. Gary Burkholder feels attending the Trustees meeting give them a feel on the policy end of it and he realizes the board is trying to be as objective as possible during the hearing. David Goll stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals leaves their personal preferences at the door and act according to what is best within the guidelines of the zoning code book. The Trustees stated the board could come to the full board or to an individual Trustee. Dick Knapp stated if the Board of Zoning Appeals wants an item added to the agenda to notify Laura by the Thursday before the Tuesday meeting. Gary Burkholder is over the zoning office, Dick Knapp is over the secretary but there is not one Trustee over the Board of Zoning Appeal Board.

The Board agreed on Rick Cox to be the primary representative to serve on the Steering Committee with Michelle Weber as an alternate. Dick Knapp stated the Board of Zoning Appeals will be copied communications between the boards. Gary Burkholder suggested reading the minutes from the other boards meetings. Jeff Johnson will look to see if he has any data from the committee that he previously sat on.

Mrs. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chew seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chew, yes; Mrs. Weber, yes; Mr. Goll, yes; Mrs. Rogers, yes; and Mr. Johnson, yes; Passed 5-0.

Mr. Goll adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Approved as read 4/2/07

Approved as corrected/amended _____

Laura Brown
Laura Brown, Clerk

David W. Goll
David Goll, Chairman