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Minutes of Etna Township Zoning Commis	ssion Meeting
DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148 January 2,	2008
Regressitional Sports Teams & Leagues	20

The Etna Township Zoning Commission met in the Etna Township Hall on January 2, 2008 for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting and public hearing. The meeting was audio taped and the public hearing was audio and video taped for the township records. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Laura Brown with the following members present: Dan Bravard, Pam Munce, Tina Taylor, Jim VanDyne, and Clerk Laura Brown. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Clerk Laura Brown asked for a motion to elect a chairperson pro temp.

Jim VanDyne nominated Tina Taylor to serve as the chairperson pro temp. Pam Munce seconded. There were no other nominations. Roll call: Dan Bravard, Taylor; Pam Munce, Taylor; Tina Taylor, Taylor; and Jim VanDyne, Taylor. Tina Taylor will serve as chairperson pro temp.

Jim VanDyne moved that we adopt the agenda with flexibility. Dan Bravard seconded. Roll call: Motion passed 4-0.

Dan Bravard moved to waive the public reading and to approve the minutes for the meeting on December 19, 2007. Pam Munce seconded. Roll call: Motion passed 4-0.

Public Hearing

Jim VanDyne moved to open the public hearing on the Text amendments to the Zoning Resolution in Article 9 District Regulations to add "Recreational Sports Teams and Leagues" as a permitted use in sections 903, 904, 905, 906, 909, 912, 915, 917, and 918. Pam Munce seconded. Roll call: Motion passed 4-0.

Chairperson Taylor reviewed the file and read the Licking County Staff report and non-binding recommendation from the Licking County Planning Commission. They recommended to conditionally approve the proposed text amendment as follows: Define "Recreational Sports Teams and Leagues" in Article 2 – Definitions and make "recreational sports teams and leagues" a conditional use in the above mentioned districts. This would allow the township to review each application individually to determine if the lights, traffic, and other nuisances would fit in that area of the township.

Trent Stepp, 319 Trail East, disagrees with defining the ballparks. The zoning resolution does not currently define churches, schools, or cemeteries and trying to define ballparks would limit the uses as opposed to enhance their ability to understand what a ball part recreational facility is. He is concerned about allowing churches, schools, public parks and playgrounds, golf courses, or swimming pools in a district already is permitted and to be consistent this use should be permitted also. He does agree with having the ability to regulate the location with a conditional use.

Jim VanDyne discussed a definition provided by the planning commission. The Zoning Commission discussed the pro's and con's to adding a definition. Jim VanDyne also feels the non-profit organization should not have to pave a parking area for the ball field. A car lot is a profitable organization. The homeowners next to the ballpark would not like the dust from the parking lot.

Claudette VanDyne 7173 Refugee Road asked how the township would define a non-profit from a profitable public recreational field.

The conditional use instead of permitted use would help the township control the uses and location in the township. The Zoning Commission discussed how to define the recreational sports teams and leagues and whether to allow this as a permitted or conditional use.

Jim VanDyne moved to close the public hearing. Para Munce seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The zoning commission recessed from 7:45 to 7:55 p.m.

The Zoning Commission decided it was not needed in Section 906. Section 912 allows for stadiums in the permitted uses. Under M-1 Section 912 it would be Item Z under permitted uses. Section 917 RS it would become conditional use Item A and Section 918 SCR conditional use Item A. The entire conditional use section will need to be added to those sections.

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Held		
Jim VanDyne moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to amend the zoning resolution to add un conditionally permitted uses "Recreational Sports Teams and Leagues" to SER Section 903 Item conditionally permitted, R-1 Section 904 Item B conditionally permitted, R-2 Section 905 Item conditionally permitted, LB Section 909 Item F conditionally permitted uses, AG Section 915 Item conditionally permitted uses. For RS Section 917 Item A conditionally permitted use and SCR Section 918 Item A conditionally permitted use the entire section needs to be added to the zoning resolution Section 912, M-1 Item Z permitted uses. Tina Taylor Seconded. Roll call: Motion passed 4-0.		
Dan Bravard moved to recommend to the Trustees that the conditional use fee be waived for non-profit organizations. Pam Munce seconded. Roll call: Motion passed 4-0.		
Dan Bravard moved to adjourn. Pam Munce seconded. Roll call: Dan Bravard, yes; Pam Munce, yes; Tina Taylor, no; and Jim VanDyne, no. Motion dies 2-2.		
Old Business Fences – The Zoning Commission discussed the options regarding regulating fences. The Zoning Commission would like to regulate the corner lot with visibility. The commission discussed adding the diagram from the fence permit to the zoning resolution and rewording Section 1008, 1010 and 1034. The Zoning Commission is discussing whether to require a fence permit or not. There is a concern that fences will be installed in the setback in regards to corner lots and line of sight. Tina will draft a letter regarding the fence text and send it to Eric Fox. This would safe guard the township so that the text amendment would cover the township. The fence permit form will also go to Eric Fox for review. The Zoning Commission would like to recommend to the Trustees not to charge a fee for a fence permit.		
Pam Munce moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Dan Bravard seconded. Roll call: Motion passed 4-0.		
Approved Gan 16, 2008 Approved as corrected/amended Laura Brown, Clerk Approved as corrected/amended Laura Brown, Clerk Approved as corrected/amended Tina Taylor. Chairperson Pro Temp		