

January 18<sup>th</sup>,

2012

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The Etna Township Zoning Commission met on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the Etna Township Administration Building for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting. The meeting was audio recorded for the township records. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Essex. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call showed the following members present: Randy Snider, Freddie Latella, Robert Essex, Gil Guttentag, Trent Stepp, and clerk Laura Brown. For the record alternate Mike Kerner was in attendance.

Freddie Latella moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Randy Snider and passed without objection.

#### **Zoning Commission Announcements and Comments –**

The Trustees requested items that the Zoning Commission has completed in the past two years for their State of the Township address. The topics that were discussed were signs, Article 9, JBW PMUD, and Comprehensive Plan.

Chris Harkness reported that Michael Elschlager would like to attend the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 meeting to discuss a property in the township where he would like to construct a self storage facility as a PMUD concept.

Randy Snider moved to waive the public reading and approve the minutes from the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Freddie Latella and passed without objection.

#### **New Business**

Mark Schaff presented information regarding the Watershed Protection Overlay District that was suggested in the Comprehensive Plan. Mark Schaff presented the Zoning Commission with information regarding a pollution site located at the corner of York Road and US Route 40. Mark Schaff explained that this was an example of why this Overlay District is so important for our water and future economic development. Prevention is the only option to protect the aquifer. Mark Schaff referenced the map in the Comprehensive Plan regarding the potential contaminant sources.

Mark Schaff explained the five year protection area that is mapped by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA only uses a 5 year projection. The township could choose to study a period longer than 5 years but the EPA only does 5 years. This is just one safety measure. Part of this area is in Harrison Township and Mark Schaff does plan on presenting information to Harrison Township and other jurisdictions.

Chris Harkness discussed regulations that Southwest Licking Water and Sewer have already and how township zoning can help by eliminating certain types of uses. This would be creating a Zoning District that will overlay the current zoning.

Gil Guttentag discussed oil well fracking and the old wells in the area. Chris Harkness stated some uses cannot be regulated and are exempted by other laws. The chemicals that are used by farmers in this area were discussed.

Chris Harkness stated Gerald Newton, Director with the Licking County Planning Commission would like to work with the Zoning Commission on this District. The Zoning Commission discussed the next steps.

Trent Stepp asked if the BUSTR website, which the Zoning Commission viewed, only captures underground storage tanks and what about other polluters such as factories. Gil Guttentag suggested having the input from both the EPA and the private industry. The commission discussed the pros and cons of getting both the opinions to serve the community.



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Mark Schaff will get some recommendations for the second meeting in February. Randy Snider will try to get information for the next meeting from Halliburton. Chris Harkness will research other overlay districts.

**Old Business**

The Zoning Commission continued working on the sign code text amendment.

**Article 2 – Definitions**

Under the definition of Roof Line change it to read “the outline or outer edge of a roof.” The Zoning Commission discussed other changes and recommendations.

Laura Brown will check on providing a hyperlink for the definitions on the website (electronic) version.

**Article 12 – Signage**

Chris Harkness discussed Section 1203 Item A and Figure 12A measurement of sign area. The Figure 12A is what the Zoning Commission wants to regulate. Item A will be changed to reference quadrilateral. The Zoning Commission agreed to the recommended changes to Section 1205 A and B.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Essex at 9:37 p.m.

Approved 2-1-12

Approved as corrected/amended \_\_\_\_\_



Laura Brown, Clerk



Robert Essex, Chairman