

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Etna Township Zoning Commission

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

June 6,

2012

Held

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The Etna Township Zoning Commission met on June 6, 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. Roll call showed the following members present: Randy Snider, Freddie Latella, Robert Essex, Gil Guttentag, Trent Stepp, and clerk Laura Brown.

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

**Zoning Commission Announcements and Comments -**

The Zoning Commission discussed the sign text amendment currently pending Trustee approval. The Trustees passed a motion to recess the public hearing until August for the Zoning Commission to do research and provide the Trustees with more information.

Gil Guttentag discussed some sign codes that were provided to the Trustees at a meeting. Chris Harkness has the sign codes that were given to the Trustees.

Trent Stepp suggested having the Licking County Prosecutor's office attend a meeting to discuss the sign text amendment. A municipality has different authority then a township has.

Gil Guttentag moved to have the Chairman contact the Licking County Prosecutor's office to have them attend a Zoning Commission meeting regarding signs preferably on June 27, 2012. The motion was seconded by Freddie Latella and passed without objection.

Gil Guttentag moved to waive the public reading and to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Randy Snider. The motion passed without objection.

**Old Business**

**Wellfield Protection Overlay District**

Chris Harkness provided the recommendation from the Licking County Prosecutor's office regarding the Wellfield Protection Overlay District. The Licking County Planning Commission has met with the Licking County Prosecutor's Office regarding Overlay Districts. The township could accomplish the same end results by creating five districts. The Trustees are setting up a meeting with the Licking County Prosecutor's Office which John Carlisle, Mark Schaff, Gary Burkholder, and Chris Harkness will attend to discuss this issue.

Trent Stepp suggested recommending to the Board of Trustees that they obtain an outside legal opinion from Don Brosius on this topic.

Mark Schaff feels this is a timely issue regarding the Wellfield Protection Overlay District. Mark feels the option of creating the separate districts will achieve this goal. He discussed the Fracking and Oil Industries and the law in Pennsylvania which protect their aquifers. The waste in Pennsylvania gets shipped to Ohio. The Wellfield Protection Overlay District was a recommendation passed in the Etna Township Comprehensive Plan last fall.

**Pet/Animal Regulations**

Chris Harkness provided insight on the topic of animal regulations for the township. He has been receiving calls regarding "fringe" pets. Most of the calls are asking if they can have potbelly pigs, chickens, rabbits, and goats. Most of them live in residential subdivisions.

Chris Harkness explained that the Zoning Resolutions needs to be clarified regarding these animals. The Zoning Commission discussed different options and regulations. Gil Guttentag suggested contacting neighboring township's regarding this issue to see how they are handling them.

Freddie Latella moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Gil Guttentag and passed without objection.

Approved June 27, 2012

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

Laura Brown  
Laura Brown, Clerk

Robert Essex  
Robert Essex, Chairman