

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Etna Township Zoning Commission

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

August 15,

2012

Held

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The Etna Township Zoning Commission met on August 15, 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 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Essex. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed the following members present: Randy Snider, Robert Essex, Gil Guttentag, and clerk Laura Brown. Member Freddie Latella arrived at 7:06 p.m. and Trent Stepp arrived at 7:10 p.m. Alternate member Mike Kerner was in attendance.

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

**Zoning Commission Announcements and Comments - None**

Randy Snider moved to waive the public reading and to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gil Guttentag and passed without objection.

**Old Business**

**Article 12 – Signs**

Chris Harkness reported on the opinion from the Licking County Prosecutor’s Office regarding deleting the restriction on LED Signs to Interstate 70.

Robert Essex moved to remove from the working document “except that such signage shall only be visible from Interstate 70, and shall not be visible from any other roadway within the township.” The motion was seconded by Freddie Latella. Discussion: Robert Essex stated this motion was made per the recommendation made by the Licking County Prosecutor’s office. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Randy Snider, yes; Freddie Latella, yes; Robert Essex, yes; Gil Guttentag, no; and Trent Stepp, yes; the motion passed 4-1.

The Zoning Commission discussed the requirement on non-conforming signs having to comply with the new standards prior to changing to a LED Billboard.

Chris Harkness discussed the topic of banners in the recommended text amendment. The Zoning Resolution does not have a definition for banners in the code and he recommends removing “banners and posters” from the text amendment. Chris Harkness reviewed the other changes recommended by the Zoning Commission.

Gil Guttentag moved to recommend to the Trustees to approve the sign text amendment for Article 12 as presented. The motion was seconded by Freddie Latella. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Randy Snider, yes; Freddie Latella, yes; Robert Essex, yes; Gil Guttentag, yes; and Trent Stepp, yes; the motion passed 5-0.

**Public Comments –**

Ed Hunt with Lamar Advertising provided studies that show LED signage is safe. Ed Hunt verified the new text amendment has off-premise and on-premise signage defined.

Rick Humphries discussed a sign that was applied for on his property by Lamar Advertising which after obtaining two permits was told the sign is not permitted.

Chris Harkness explained the Technical Review Committee process which Trent Stepp and Freddie Latella attended. The proposed billboard was discussed. The permit for the billboard did not meet the criteria and was denied. Chris Harkness issued a permit two and half years prior that had expired. When the permit was re-issued it was determined the permit should not be issued. The billboard would be located to close to another sign on that parcel. A variance with the Board of Zoning Appeals could be applied for. Chris Harkness stated previously two sign permits were issued in error.

Rick Humphries discussed the landscaping company on Mink Street and the Zoning Permits that were issued for that property. Rick Humphries would like the entire township policed the same. Chris Harkness stated water and sewer is a Licking County Building Code issue.

Freddie Latelle moved to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Gil Guttentag. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Randy Snider, yes; Freddie Latella, no; Robert Essex, yes; Gil Guttentag, yes; and Trent Stepp, no; the motion passed 3-2.

Approved 9-5-12

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

Laura Brown  
Laura Brown, Clerk

Robert D Essex  
Robert Essex, Chairman