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2023

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The Etna Township Zoning Commission met on May 9, 2023, in the Etna Township Hall for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Chair McIntyre. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed the following members present: Shelly Marie Ipacs, Dave Olson, Litichia McIntyre, Adam Kelley, Steven Smith, and clerk Laura Brown.

Dave Olson moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Steven Smith and passed without objection.

**Announcements –**

The Board of Trustees appointed Shelly Marie Ipacs and Adam Kelley to fill the vacancies

Clerk Laura Brown provided an update on the NAICS draft text and modifying to the three-digit code.

**Minutes**

Dave Olson moved to waive the public reading and to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Adam Kelley and passed without objection.

**New Business - None**

**Old Business –**

**Work Session regarding Zoning Resolution –**

**Solar Farms Update**

The Board of Trustees are planning on holding work sessions with the residents. John Singleton has presented the language for Solar Farms less than fifty megawatts with the Prosecutor's Office and the language is ready for the text amendment depending on the work sessions and what the township wishes to do. The fifty megawatts and over is regulated by the Licking County Commissioners. Currently none of the zoning districts in the Etna Township Zoning Resolution permit Solar Farms.

**Article 10**

John Singleton discussed multiple areas in Article 10 that need reviewed. Mr. Singleton discussed under accessory structures in Section 1005 item F and Table 1005B, maximum fence height. The Southwest Licking Schools were recently granted a variance through the Board of Zoning Appeals for an eight-foot fence around the football stadium. The Zoning Commission discussed modifying the fence requirements for schools and how it might impact residential properties around the schools. Etna Township is not permitted to govern architectural standards. John Singleton discussed in Section 1015 Noise and Etna Township is a statutory township and can only enforce what the Ohio Revised Code permits. The Zoning Commission reviewed the Ohio Revised Code and discussed what the township can enforce regarding noise. The section as it is currently written is not enforceable and the commission discussed revising it to reference the Ohio Revised Code. The township is not permitted to enforce noise from a construction site. The Zoning Commission discussed several sections in Article 10 and whether the township can regulate them. The commission discussed whether the Zoning Inspector can enforce the regulation or a different entity such as the EPA. If some other agency enforces the regulations, then maybe these regulations should be moved to a document to provide direction to the residents. John Singleton will get an opinion from the Licking County Prosecutor's Office regarding Section 1021 Enforcement Provisions.

The Zoning Commission discussed the recent training seminar they attended and available resources with the Ohio Township Association for other training seminars.

John Singleton discussed Section 1026 Ponds, Lakes, Water Retention/Detention Areas and Licking County Soil and Water likes the language in the Zoning Resolution.

The Zoning Commission will work on Article 10 and see what other townships are regulating.

**Public Comments – None**

Shelly Marie Ipacs moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steven Smith and passed without objection.

Laura Brown, Clerk

Litichia McIntyre, Chair