

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Zoning Commission

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

April 11,

2023

Held _____ 20 _____

The Etna Township Zoning Commission met on April 11, 2023, in the Etna Township Hall for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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, Steven Smith, and clerk Laura Brown. Josh DiYanni was excused.

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

Announcements –

Zoning Inspector John Singleton discussed a new law regarding solar and wind farms. The township can add language in the Zoning Resolution per O.R.C 519.213 Township Small Wind Farm Zoning Regulation, which allows regulating solar and wind farms that are less than fifty megawatts. Mr. Singleton is drafting a text amendment and will have it reviewed by the Prosecutor’s office. The state considers them a public utility unless they are under fifty megawatts. The current Zoning Resolution does not permit them in any of the zoning districts. It has been recommended to add the specific language to prohibit them if that is the desire of the township. If it is larger than fifty megawatts the Licking County Commissioners govern it. The township has the option to send a resolution to the Commissioners and request Etna Township be designated as an Exclusionary Zone.

Minutes

Dave Olson moved to waive the public reading and to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Steven Smith and passed without objection.

New Business - None

Old Business –

Work Session regarding Zoning Resolution – NAICS Codes

The Zoning Commission continued to review the NAICS Codes and the recommendation to reduce them from a six digit number to a three digit number.

John Singleton will work with the Prosecutor’s Office for language to add to the book to cover when the NAICS Codes are updated by the NAICS Association, which appears to be every five years. The NAICS Codes were last updated in 2022.

It was confirmed to move the code 812990 All Other Personal Services to Conditional Use, to remove code 814110 Private Households, and under the code 926130 Regulation and Administration of Communications, Electric, Gas, and Other Utilities they will exclude solar and wind. It was decided that all of the remaining “other” codes would stay in. The recommended modifications will be updated and a clean copy to review will be provided for General Business, Local Business, and Accommodation Business Districts. The updated NAICS Codes were done in 2022 so it will be reviewed for any 2022 updates that need to be implemented. The NAICS Codes website is what the Zoning Office uses to review updates.

Public Comments –

Gary Burkholder of 254 Trail East discussed the Solar and Wind Exclusionary Zones and reported a resident has requested the Board of Trustees to act on this subject. Mr. Burkholder would like to request a draft of the recommended changes. Mr. Burkholder discussed Frameworks, which is an initiative to shape the future of fifteen Licking County Jurisdictions that will be affected by rapid growth and recommended the Zoning Commission attend and participate in the upcoming meeting. The CAC board is working on the third draft of the Future Land Use Plan. Mr. Burkholder discussed Form Based Zoning.

Steven Smith moved to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dave Olson and passed without objection.


Laura Brown, Clerk


Litichia McIntyre, Chair