

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Zoning Commission

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

July 24,

2023

Held _____ 20 _____

The Etna Township Zoning Commission met on July 24, 2023, in the Etna Township Hall for the purpose of conducting a special meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair McIntyre. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed the following members present: Shelly Marie Ipacs, Adam Kelley, Dave Olson, Litichia McIntyre, Steven Smith, and clerk Laura Brown.

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

Announcements and Comments –

Sheetz is tentatively scheduled to open on August 15, 2023.

Minutes

Dave Olson moved to waive the public reading and to approve the minutes from the July 11th, 2023, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Steven Smith and passed without objection.

New Business - None

Old Business –

Solar and Wind Farm Discussion

The Zoning Commission discussed the presentation by Dale Arnold at the Trustees meeting regarding Solar and Wind Farms. Some items to consider are setbacks and buffering. Properties in Etna Township and adjacent to the township that have been approached regarding solar were discussed. Zoning Inspector John Singleton explained that at this time a Zoning Permit Application for a solar farm would be denied per his discussion with the Licking County Prosecutor’s office.

The process for starting a text amendment was discussed.

The solar farms under 50 megawatts were discussed. If a residential or commercial property owner wants to have solar panels for their use it would fall under accessory use. If the panel is on the roof no zoning permit is required. A permit is required if they are ground mounted. Dale Arnold recommended working with the local Farm Bureau.

The Zoning Commission agreed not to permit solar at this time. Property owners’ rights were discussed. The Zoning Commission needs to protect the entire township. Decommissioning is also a concern.

Dave Olson provided a flier from the Citizens for Fair Fields regarding a solar project in Fairfield County.

The draft text provided to the Zoning Commission prohibiting solar and wind farms was discussed and this will be added to Article 10. This text was reviewed by the Prosecutor’s Office.

This will be confirmed at the next Zoning Commission to be officially started.

Work Session regarding Zoning Resolution – Article 10 and Article 2

The Zoning Commission reviewed the modifications for Article 10 and new definitions for Article 2. The text in red will come out and the text in green will go in. A final draft of this text will be presented at the next meeting.

The next Zoning Commission meeting for August 8, 2023, will be cancelled and moved to August 9, 2023, as a Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comments

Gary Burkholder of 254 Trail East thanked the Zoning Commission for moving the text amendment forward and requested the support of the Zoning Commission regarding the exclusionary zones. Mr. Burkholder provided a letter from Jim Lenner regarding solar.

Judy Cafemeyer of 29 Roma Court has been pushing for the exclusionary zones regarding solar and thanked the Zoning Commission.

Litichia McIntyre moved to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Adam Kelley and passed without objection.


Laura Brown, Clerk


Litichia McIntyre, Chair