

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014E

September 26,

2023

Held \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

The Etna Township Zoning Commission met on September 26, 2023, in the Etna Township Hall for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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.

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

**Announcements and Comments -- None**

**Minutes**

David Olson moved to waive the public reading and to approve the minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Shelly Marie Ipacs and passed without objection.

**Public Hearing**

Chair McIntyre opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. for text Amendment AM-23-02 for Article 2 Definitions and Article 10 Supplementary District Regulations submitted by the Zoning Commission.

The application was forwarded to the Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC) on September 8, 2023. The public hearing notice was advertised in the Newark Advocate on September 15, 2023. The Licking County Planning Commission staff and Planning Commission both had a non-binding recommendation to conditionally approve the zoning amendment application.

Zoning Inspector John Singleton reviewed the Licking County Planning Commission's recommendations. In the definition of Research Activities, it was recommended to delete part of the last sentence "and provided further, that the same do not violate the provisions of Sections 1016 through 1024, inclusive." This refers to the sections that will be removed from Article 10. The LCPC staff recommends monitoring Issue 2 on the topic of marijuana on the ballot in November and seeking opportunities and information to educate the township on the topic of alternate energy including solar energy and wind. John Singleton does not know if LCPC understood this is for the small solar farms and not the 1 kilowatt to 4.9 megawatts. After more research and new information, John Singleton recommends modifying the height for solar panels in Table 1005B from six feet to eight feet under maximum height.

The Zoning Commission reviewed the text amendment and the recommendations. After the election in November the enforcement regarding marijuana might change.

The modifications to the original text amendment as submitted will be removing the sentence from the definition of research activities and the height increase from six to eight feet for free standing solar panels in Table 1005B.

**Public Comments**

Ryan Davis of 8807 Watkins Road discussed the removal of Section 1012. It was confirmed that the Zoning Office is not able to enforce this section along with other sections that are being removed. These regulations are regulated by another agency such as Licking County Soil and Water or EPA.

David Olson moved to close the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Adam Kelley and passed without objection.

Litichia McIntyre moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve the text Amendment AM-23-02 for Article 2 Definitions and Article 10 Supplementary District Regulations submitted by the Zoning Commission as submitted with modifications. The motion was seconded by Shelly Marie Ipacs. Discussion: The modifications to the original text amendment as submitted will be removing the sentence from the definition of research activities and the height increase from six to eight feet for free standing solar panels in Table 1005B. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**There was no New Business, Old Business, or Public Comments**

The next meeting will be October 10, 2023 and the topic will be NAICS Codes for GB, LB, and AB.

Steven Smith moved to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Adam Kelley and passed without objection.



Laura Brown, Clerk



Litichia McIntyre, Chair