

Minutes of Zoning Commission Public Hearing & Meeting
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
September 28, 2023

Opening

- The Zoning Commission public hearing & meeting on September 28, 2023, was called to order by Fred Schwarz at 6:30 p.m. Fred led the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the meeting was being recorded.
- Roll call was taken and the following answered as Present: Jackie Siegel, Sara Sparhawk, Fred Schwarz, Alan Huet, Rob Broehl and Beth Warner (alternate).

Public Hearing

- Fred opened the public meeting by explain that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the two proposed changes to the zoning resolution: 1) adding a Heavy Industrial District and 2) modifying Section 613 of the zoning resolution to not require a unanimous vote of the trustees if the trustees reject or modify the recommendation of the zoning commission.
- The ad for these changes appeared in the Newark Advocate on September 8, 2023.
- Handout were available that listed the proposed changes (2023-02), the recommendation from LCPC and the updated proposed changes including the input from the LCPC.
- There were no residents present for public input.
- **Rob Broehl made a motion to close the public hearing. Sara Sparhawk seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Discussion

- The Zoning Commission reviewed the input from LCPC and would like to incorporate the related changes as suggested by legal counsel that address those issues along with the changes listed below:
 - Section 812 – Purpose Statement – Would like to have “the best possible educational opportunities for the young” replaced with “the township”. Also, add some wording about allowing industry not allowed in other districts. Possibly add wording similar to M-1 district.
 - General Requirements of the HI District - Lot Area: change the minimum size to 5 acres and scratch the sentence “In those cases where central water is available...”

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- **Alan Huet made a motion to make this change, Rob Broehl seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
 - Conditional Uses – HI District: C which addresses wells should be deleted.
 - General Requirements of the HI District – Front Yard: would like to have both measurements changed to 100 feet – so the front yard requirement is 100 ft in depth with and without central water and sewer. The Zoning Commission would also like to repeat the corner lot information here for clarity.
 - Melodie will ask legal counsel if it is possible to add wording that requires abandoned structures to be removed so that, for example, if a concrete company sets up shop and does business for a few years, than closes down shop, that they have to remove their equipment, not leave it sit there.
- Melodie will transmit the requested changes to legal counsel for revision of Liberty Township Zoning Amendment 2023-02.
- The Zoning Commission will review the new changes made by legal counsel at their October 16th meeting where they will vote on the changes to recommend to the trustees.
- LCPC was good with the proposed change to Section 613.

Closing

- **Rob Broehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara Sparhawk seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Minutes were taken by Melodie Bogantz, Zoning Clerk for Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio.

Approval of Minutes:

Zoning Clerk:

Melodie Bogantz

Date: 10/16/2023

Zoning Commission:

Jackie Chegel

Date:

Sara Sparhawk

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Paul A. Schumay

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Alan J. Huet

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