

**Minutes of Zoning Commission Meeting  
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio  
August 21, 2023**

## **Opening**

- The Zoning Commission meeting on August 21, 2023, was called to order by Melodie Bogantz, the Zoning Clerk, at 6:30 p.m. Melodie 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 Rob Broehl, Alan Huet, and Beth Warner.
- Melodie said that since Fred Schwarz, the chairperson, of the Zoning Commission was absent, they needed to elect a vice chair.
- **Rob Broehl made a motion to elect Alan Huet as the vice chairperson. Alan Huet accepted the nomination. Jackie Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes. Melodie turned the meeting over to Alan.**
- Alan mentioned that the minutes for the July 17, 2023 regular zoning commission meeting were available at the back of the room.
- **Rob Broehl made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2023 meeting. Sara Sparhawk seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Alan mentioned that the minutes for the July 28, 2023 public hearing and meeting were available for inspection at the back of the room.
- **Rob Broehl made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 28, 2023 meeting. Beth Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

## **Public Input**

- None

## **Business**

- Discuss local events/meetings
  - The trustees approved the changes that were recommended by the zoning commission for updating the zoning resolution to allow private airports as a conditional use in AG and to allow mini-storage facilities as a conditional use in LB.
- Discussion on asphalt plants and the Heavy Industrial District
  - Adding a Heavy Industrial District to our zoning resolution, as provided by Peter Grigg's office, was discussed. This suggested change adds section 812 to the zoning resolution and updates sections 804 and 522.

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- Rob Broehl made a motion to approve the changes adding section 812 and updating sections 804 and 522 of our zoning resolution as provided by legal counsel. Beth Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.
- The Zoning Commission agreed to have their public hearing for adding Heavy Industrial District changes to our zoning resolution on Sept 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Melodie, will schedule and advertise the public hearing.
- Solar
  - There was discussion about if the township can ask the LCPC to exclude solar facilities from the township or if they must be allowed, but can be regulated as conditional use by the township
  - The resolution to restrict solar facilities that was proposed by Etna township was discussed. It was recently in a story by the Newark Advocate. Can our trustees make such a resolution and request to the LCPCP?
  - Melodie will collect the zoning commission's suggestions which came from what Rob Broehl found online from other townships, and seek Peter Grigg's input on these solar regulations.
- Update to section 613 of the Zoning Resolution
  - Melodie informed the zoning commission that she recently learned that the last sentence of this section that required a unanimous vote of the trustees was there because a unanimous vote was required by Ohio Revised Code (ORC). The code has changed and a unanimous vote is no longer required. Legal counsel has suggested that we strike that sentence from our zoning resolution.

**Section 613 Action by Board of Township Trustees**

*Section 613 Action by Board of township Trustees shall be amended as follows:*

Within twenty (20) days after the public hearing required by Section 612, the Board of Township Trustees shall either adopt or deny the recommendation of the Zoning Commission or adopt some modification thereof. ~~In the event the Board of Township Trustees denies or modifies the recommendation of the Commission, the unanimous vote of the Board of Township Trustees is required.~~

- Rob Broehl made a motion to strike the last sentence from section 613 of our zoning resolution. Sara Sparhawk seconded the motion. The vote: Jackie Siegel, NO; Sara Sparhawk, YES; Rob Broehl, YES; Alan Huet, YES, and Beth Warner, YES. The motion passed.

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- Melodie will add this change to our September 28, 2023 public hearing.

**Closing**

- The next regular meeting for the zoning commission is September 18, 2023 at 6:30pm.
- Rob Broehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jackie 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: 9/18/2023

Zoning Commission:

Jackie Segel

Date: Sept 18, 2023

Sara Sparhawk

9/18/2023

Jim A. [Signature]

9/18/2023

Alan J. [Signature]

9/18/2023

Rob Broehl

9/18/23