

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

## **Opening**

- The Zoning Commission public hearing & meeting on July 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, Fred Schwarz, Alan Huet, and Beth Warner.

## **Public Hearing**

- Fred opened the public meeting by explain that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss two proposed changes to the zoning resolution: 1) adding Mini-storage units as a conditional use in Local Business District (LB) and 2) adding Private Airports as a conditional use in Agriculture District (AG) .
- The ad for these changes appeared in the Newark Advocate on July 2, 2023.
- Mini-storage Facility
  - No one wished to testify about the mini-storage units change.
  - The input from Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC) was available.
  - There was some discussion on definitions suggested by LCPC
- Private Airport
  - Bill Bogantz pointed out that the conditional use permit by Monroe Township for the airport that is in both Monroe Township and Liberty Township does not restrict hobby flying.
  - The input from LCPC was available.
- **Jackie Siegel made a motion to close the public hearing. Beth Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

## **Discussion**

- Mini-Storage Facility
  - The board discussed the suggested changes proposed by LCPC.
  - There was consensus that adding “also referred to as self-service storage facility, self-service storage locker, and self-service storage room” to the end of the current definition for *Garage, Mini-Storage* would add clarity.
  - **Fred Schwarz made a motion to recommend to the trustees that #18 Mini-Storage Facility be added as a conditional use in LB (Article 8 Section 806) and**

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to add “Also referred to as self-service storage facility, self-service storage locker, and self-service storage room” to the end of the current definition for *Garage, Mini-Storage (Article 2 Section 200)* in our zoning resolution. Jackie Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.

- Private Airport
  - The board discussed the suggested changes proposed by LCPC.
  - There was consensus that adding the definitions of Private and Public Airports would be beneficial.
    - Private Airport (or Privately Owned and Operated Airport): Any area of land designed and/or set aside for the landing and taking off of aircraft that includes the storing, repair, and operation of aircraft, the inclusion of aviation fuel and lubricants, and repair facilities and equipment as such accessory uses of an airport operation in the interest of the private property owner.
    - Public Airport (as per ORC 4563.01 (A)): Any area of land designed and set aside for the landing and taking off of aircraft, and for that purpose possessing one or more hard surfaced runways of a length of not less than three thousand five hundred feet, and designed for the storing, repair, and operation of aircraft, and utilized or to be utilized in the interest of the public for such purposes, and any area of land designed for such purposes for which designs, plans, and specifications conforming to the above requirements have been approved by the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation and for which not less than seventy percent of the area shown by such designs and plans to constitute the total area has been acquired. An airport is "publicly owned" if the portion thereof used for the landing and taking off of aircraft is owned, operated, leased to, or leased by the United States, any agency or department thereof, this state or any other state, or any political subdivision of this state or any other state, or any other governmental body, public agency, or public corporation, or any combination thereof.
  - Alan Huet made a motion to recommend to the trustees that **#14 Private Airport** be added as a conditional use in AG (Article 8 Section 804) and to add the definitions of Private and Public Airports as suggested by LCPC (*Article 2 Section 200*) to our zoning resolution. Jackie Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.

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**Closing**

- There was a brief discussion on getting updated/corrected zoning maps and some discussion on asphalt plants.
- Jackie Siegel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Huet 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: 8/21/23

Zoning Commission: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Jackie Siegel \_\_\_\_\_

Sara Sparhawk \_\_\_\_\_

Pat Brass \_\_\_\_\_ 8/21

Alan Huet \_\_\_\_\_ 8/21

Ben Warner \_\_\_\_\_ 8/21/2023