

Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Agenda January 15, 2024 6:30 pm

Opening

- Fred Schwarz called the meeting to order at 6:30, led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the meeting was being recorded
- Melodie Bogantz, Zoning Clerk, took the roll call with the following answering present: Alan Huet, Rob Broehl, Sara Sparhawk, Fred Schwarz and Beth Warner.
- Minutes from the November 20, 2023 regular meeting were available for inspection.
- **Rob Broehl made a motion to approve the November 20, 2023 minutes. Sara Sparhawk seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Minutes from the December 19, 2023 public hearing & meeting were available for inspection.
- **Fred Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023 meeting. Sara Sparhawk seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

none

Business

- Fred introduced Dale Arnold with the Ohio Farm Bureau.
- Dale gave a further introduction of himself and stressed that he is available anytime we need help, just give him a call.
- He discussed Utility Scale Power which is greater than 50 megawatts.
- He discussed power supply that is less than 5 megawatts
- He spent the majority of his time discussing the utility solar that is between 5 and 50 megawatts.
- He mentioned several House Bills, one of which was HB 501 which makes us a “power siting board.” To do this, we need to learn from the Utility Scale Power regulations.
- He stressed that we not only need to be concerned about and consider regulating solar power, but also compact nuclear, oil & gas, geothermal, hydrogen storage and green hydrogen production.
- Energy is being traded as a commodity. It is a merchant function and eminent domain does not apply.
- The wind corridor is in northwest Ohio, not our location.
- Large scale geothermal is in Ohio

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- Power companies are planning 30 years into the future.
- Dale encouraged the township to “build your toolbox” so that you are ready to handle all types of power that may come your way, including power storage facilities.
- The zoning commission tabled the discussion on residential solar for Liberty Township and any upcoming proposed changes to the zoning resolution.
- Melodie informed everyone that the trustees approved the rezoning of 6252 Johnstown Utica Road from AG to LB.
- Melodie reminded the zoning commission to let her know if you may have a conflict of interest with any rezoning that comes to the board.
- Woody Fox suggested that the Zoning Commission look at Signs in the zoning resolution.

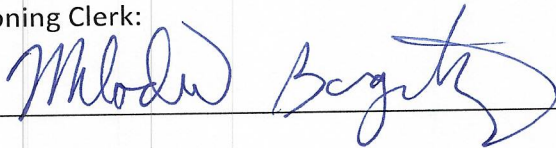
Closing

- Fred stated that the next regular meeting is Monday, February 19, 2024 at 6:30pm
- **Alan Huet made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rob Broehl seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm and the board signed the approved meeting minutes.

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

Approval of Minutes:

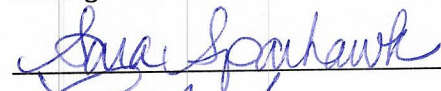
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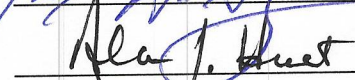


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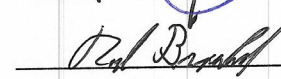
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