

Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio

Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025 7:00 pm

Opening

- Fred Schwarz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the meeting was being recorded.
- Melodie Bogantz, Zoning Clerk, took roll call with the following answering present: Sara Sparhawk, Fred Schwarz, Alan Huet, and Greg Behnke.
- Woody Fox, Zoning Inspector, was also present.
- Fred stated that the minutes for the January 21, 2025 meeting were available for inspection.
- **Sara Sparhawk made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025 regular meeting. Fred Schwarz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- Woody stated that he often gets requests for reduced setbacks in the township, especially for smaller lots and corner lots.
- There was discussion on modifying setbacks vs using the variance process.

Business

- Melodie stated that Zoning Resolution Update 2025-01 which changes time frames in the Zoning Resolution to agree with Ohio Revised Code has been sent to the Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC) for their input. Their meeting is 2/24/25 at 7pm.
- Melodie presented proposed Zoning Resolution Update 2025-02 which would change the Zoning Resolution to allow the township to advertise meeting as provided in a recent change to the ORC which will go into effect April 3, 2025. Melodie walked the board through all the changes which would modify the following sections of the zoning resolution: 515, 524, 609, 610, 612, 1213 & 1214.
- The board agreed that one of the changes, which is to Section 1214, would be better suited to be added to Update 2025-01 as a modification.
- **Greg Behnke made a motion to proceed with Zoning Resolution Update 2025-02 as presented, which modifies Sections 515, 524, 609, 610, 612, 1213 & 1214 of the Zoning**

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Resolution. Sara Sparhawk seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.

- The board agreed to hold the public hearing for Update 2025-02 on March 25, 2025.
- Melodie informed the board that the BZA did grant two variances which allowed the applicants to build closer to the property line than the required setbacks.
- Melodie is still working with Peter Griggs on PUD changes, RPUD change and updating our zoning resolution to match our comprehensive plan.

Closing

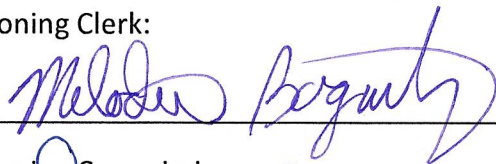
- The Zoning Commission has a public hearing on February 25, 2025 for Update 2025-01.
- The Next Regular Zoning Commission meeting will be March 18, 2025 at 7:00pm.
- The Zoning Commission just scheduled a public hearing on March 25, 2025 for Update 2025-02.
- **Sara Sparhawk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Behnke seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.
- The approved meeting minutes were signed.

Approval

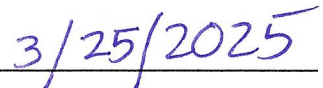
Minutes were taken by Melodie Bogantz, Zoning Clerk for Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio.

Approval of Minutes:

Zoning Clerk:



Date:




Zoning Commission:

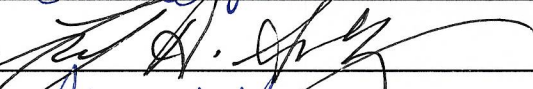


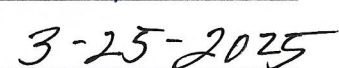
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