

Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
Zoning Commission Continued Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026 7:00 pm

Opening

- Fred Schwarz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Fred announced that the meeting was being recorded.
- Melodie Bogantz, Zoning Clerk, took roll call with the following answering present: Carla Jennings, Fred Schwarz, Alan Huet, Greg Behnke, and alternate Rob Broehl.
- Fred Schwarz, chairperson, asked Rob Broehl to fill the empty board seat since Sara Sparhawk was absent
- Julie Donnan, was present as the township's legal counsel.

Business

- Fred stated that the purpose of the meeting was to continue the public hearing for rezoning request 2026-R-001 for 8116 Johnstown-Utica Road to rezone the property from Agricultural District to General Business District. The Zoning Commission will make a recommendation to the trustees after reviewing the input from the Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC).
- Fred made sure that everyone had signed in and explained the procedures of the public hearing.

Public Hearing

- Fred opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm.
- Fred swore in Jacob Anstaett and Woody Fox.
- The township has received a non-binding recommendation from LCPC for approval with conditions.
- Jacob Anstaett spoke to his requested rezoning for his business and stated that he would answer any questions the board has.
- Woody Fox, Zoning Inspector spoke to the application, and stated that a permit would still be required before anything could be built on the property if the rezoning is approved.
- Julie Donnan asked a couple questions for clarification.
- It was stated that there would also be a Technical Review before anything is built because the property is in the Traffic Overlay District.
- **Greg Behnke made a motion to close the public hearing. Rob Broehl seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes at 7:09 pm.**

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- The Zoning Commission discussed the use of the word *warehousing* in the application and the difference between warehousing and storage.
- Rob Broehl moved to recommend approval of the amendment proposed to the Liberty Township Zoning Resolution and Map in Zoning Amendment Case Number 2026-R-001, which amendment consists of the rezoning of 9.97 acres consisting of the following address: 8116 Johnstown-Utica Road, Johnstown, Ohio, from Agricultural District to the General Business District. Fred Schwarz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.

Closing

- Rob Broehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carla Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes at 7:18 pm.

Approval

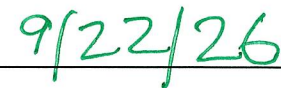
Minutes were taken by Melodie Bogantz, Zoning Clerk for Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio.

Approval of Minutes:

Zoning Clerk:

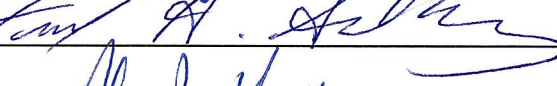
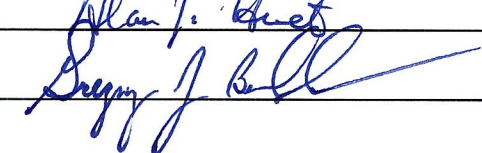


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