

**Minutes of Zoning Commission Meeting
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
March 21, 2022**

Opening

- The Zoning Commission meeting held on March 21, 2022 was called to order by Fred Schwarz at 6:30 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the meeting was being recorded.
- Roll call was taken and the following answered as present: Alan Huet, Sara Sparhawk, Fred Schwarz, Jackie Siegel & Beth Warner, alternate. (Rob Brohl arrived a few minutes late.)
- Melodie Bogantz (zoning clerk), and Bill Bogantz (trustee) were also present.
- Fred stated that the minutes from the 2/21/2022 meeting are available and everyone took a few minutes to review them.
- **Jackie made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 21, 2022, meeting. Sara seconded the motion. It passed with all yes votes from the zoning commission members that were present. Beth, an alternate, abstained.**
- Resident Input - none

Old Business

- The Zoning Commission members discussed the meetings they have attended and people they have talked to in the past month trying to understand what our township needs to do to be proactive with development that will be coming to our area. (Rob Brohl arrived during this discussion.)

New Business

- The list of urgent zoning resolution issues was reviewed.
 - #3 Adding Section 940 to the Zoning Resolution: the zoning commission wants to look into this and spend more time understanding this and finding out if it can be restricted to a commercial district.
 - #4 The word “plans” in Article 3, Sections 301 & 302 needs to be defined in the Zoning Resolution so that applicants provide the correct information with their Zoning Certificate Application.
 - #5 The definition of “Family” as presented by Peter Griggs in an email was discussed by the Zoning Commission .
 - **Sara made a motion to accept the definition of “Family” as described by legal counsel and proceed with updating the definition in the Zoning Resolution. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes from the Zoning Commission.**

~~**Family:** One or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, provided that unless all members are related by blood, adoption, or marriage, no such family shall contain over four persons.~~ **An individual, or two (2) or more persons related**

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by blood, marriage or adoption, living together as a single housekeeping unit; or a group of not more than four (4) persons, who need not be related by blood, marriage, or adoption, living together as a single housekeeping unit. "Family" does not include any society, group occupying a boarding house, lodging house, hotel, club, fraternity or sorority house, association, federation or like organization; any group of individuals whose association is temporary or seasonal in nature. This definition is not, however, intended to prohibit those living arrangements among individuals which is specifically set forth and authorized by the Ohio Revised Code as being permitted uses within single-family residential zoning districts. (See "Dwelling, Rooming House.")

- #6 The Zoning Commission discussed solar panels.
 - They agreed that they don't want to address home solar panels in the Zoning Resolution.
 - Since the county regulates Solar Farms, this item will be marked "closed" in the list of issues.
- #7 The Zoning Commission determined that more work needs to be done on the definition of "structure."
- #8 The Zoning Commission discussed whether Liberty Twp should allow a non-dwelling to be the first structure built on a property.
- The Zoning Commission members agreed to do research of surrounding townships and see what their zoning resolution says about the items that we want to clarify in our Zoning Resolution. Bill Bogantz will get some clarification from Peter Griggs, our legal counsel.
 - Fred will look at St Albans Township
 - Rob will look at Monroe Township
 - Jackie will look at Bennington Township
 - Sara will at McKean & Etna Townships
 - Other townships/cities that could be researched are Jersey, Harrison, Granville, Hartford and Johnstown
- Fred Schwarz will attend the Licking County Planning Commission meeting next week if our motion to update the Zoning Resolution will be considered at that meeting.

Closing

- The next Zoning Commission Meeting will be held April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the township building.
- **Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara seconded the motion. The motion passed with all yes votes.**

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

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