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HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
45955 STATE ROUTE 162

Minutes of August 16, 2022

The Huntington Township Zoning Commission held a regular scheduled meeting August 16th 2022 called to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance by Vice Chairperson Tom Murray. In attendance: Bob Budi, Tom Murray, Rita Rollin, George Webb, John Wilkinson and Sheila Lanning. Todd Denes and Zoning Inspector Combs were absent.

Motion by Webb with a second by Budi to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022 as written. Roll call: 5 yeas. Fiscal Officer and Zoning Secretary Lanning administered the Oath of Office to new Board Member John Wilkinson. Vice Chairperson Murray opened discussion on sending a letter to Todd Denes explaining recent Board changes. **Consensus** to draft letter for Todd Denes to keep him informed of resignation of Lyn Ickes, appointment of new Board member John Wilkinson (term ending 12/31/2026) and change from alternate to full Board member of George Webb (term ending 12/31/2025).

Zoning Inspector – Combs: (absent) Murray called Zoning Inspector and was told there was only one zoning inquiry pertaining to whether a lot was buildable. Lanning: Trustees have received one resume and one call on the Zoning Inspector position.

Previous Business – Murray opened discussion on recently rejected zoning amendment pertaining to Shipping Containers/ Portable storage sheds. Murray reiterated Trustee Lamb’s comment (not verbatim): Zoning is to protect property values and rural integrity of community. Murray: we are not the police, however we set the law to be enforced. Rollin: Believe we are rural but still making progress as a community. Wilkinson: still trying to understand Zoning and the purpose. Murray: My opinion of storage containers, they look temporary and they stand out ascetically in the community. Worn out barns look rural unlike shipping/storage containers and I would rather see an old barn. Rollin: not allowing them has been on the books for some time and we have some in the Township but not many. I think this is why we don’t have more in the Township. Webb: this is the perfect time for enforcement with the new Zoning Inspector. Murray: enforcement and education go hand in hand. Maybe a flyer for people to know where to find the information would be beneficial. Everyone can work on a pamphlet and the new Zoning Inspector can provide for anyone requesting information. Lanning: the website is not up to date but does contain Zoning permits and Zoning Resolution Book. Murray: everyone should think about putting together a pamphlet, something for new Zoning Inspector and their thoughts on storage containers for next meeting.

New Business- Lanning: Trustee Holmes provided a handout on Grafton Township’s “Road Standards for Residential Subdivisions”. Murray: we have the new Conservation District Overlay covering the entire Township for developers to follow. Lanning: I am not sure who would cover the construction of roads within any new development or conservation district. Webb: who covers the storm water and sewers. Lanning: I think the county. Discussion included the development of McMillian subdivision in 2001, Township dedication of roads after construction and Lorain County Engineer involvement in construction of roads.

Public Comments – none

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Motion by Budi with a second by Webb to adjourn. Roll call: 5 yeas, meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Signed Chairman

Attest, Secretary