

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: Thursday, March 17, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Millcreek Township Hall, 10420 Watkins Road, Marysville Ohio 43040

LEGAL NOTICE: The Millcreek Township Zoning Commission will hold a regular business meeting on the third Thursday of each month for 2011. All meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are held at the Millcreek Township hall, located at 10420 Watkins Road, Marysville, OH 43040. The public is invited to attend.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Zoning Commission Chair Joni Orders at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Zoning Commission Chair Joni Orders called the roll of members present.

Zoning Commission Present: Jim Lawrenz
Joni Orders, Chair
Freeman Troyer, Vice Chair
Greg Wisniewski

Zoning Commission Absent: Kenny Coakley, Alternate

Others Present: Keith Conroy, *Trustee*

MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL: Joni Orders noted to strike "to ... motion" on page 2 of the December 9, 2010 minutes. Jim Lawrenz made motion to approve the December 9, 2010 minutes, as amended. Freeman Troyer seconded the motion. Greg Wisniewski abstained. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Greg Wisniewski questioned whether Joni Orders noted to strike "s" on paragraph 2 of page 2 at the end of Rick Rodger's name in the January 20, 2011 minutes. Freeman Troyer made motion to approve the January 20, 2011 minutes, as amended. Greg Wisniewski seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Greg Wisniewski made a motion to approve the February 17, 2011 minutes, as presented. Jim Lawrenz seconded. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: n/a

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS: Keith Conroy discussed that the Trustees have joined a watershed planning group with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Bill Lynch and Joe Clase have been participating.

Keith Conroy stated the Trustee have been working with residents regarding the County's extension of sewer lines. Freeman Troyer stated that the sewer will go down Bell, Harriott and Dario roads. The Commission discussed that Construction Manager Bill Narducci from the Union County Engineer's Office should be invited to a future Zoning Commission meeting to discuss the project.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT / COMMENTS: A copy of Joe Clase's monthly activity report from February 2011 was distributed. Jim Lawrenz inquired of the cost of a Zoning Resolution copy. Keith Conroy stated it was \$20.00.

OLD BUSINESS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS: Keith Conroy presented a draft community survey for discussion. The survey would be hosted on the Township website and advertised through mailing postcards to residents. Freeman Troyer asked what the cost of mailing the survey out would be. Joni Orders stated that online survey responses allows for easier reporting of survey results. Those that do not have web access can request a copy of the survey. Greg Wisniewski stated that it would be nice to make surveys available at election polls, if surveys are still open. Freeman Troyer stated that he liked the questions and thought that the questions would catch people's attentions. Keith Conroy stated that this is a great opportunity to expose residents to services that may be available that they are not aware of. Jim Lawrenz stated that he was concerned that this may be a method for submitting anonymous complaints and without contact information; it would be difficult to follow-up. Greg Wisniewski stated that someone can already call and file a complaint without leaving their name. Keith Conroy stated that it may be appropriate to ask respondents whether they want follow-up, but that providing contact information should be optional.

Joni Orders stated that she liked the idea of seeking volunteers through the questionnaire. The roads section should be changed because most residents aren't likely aware of which roads are Township vs. County. Jim Lawrenz stated that they are likely to interpret it as any road in the Township. Greg Wisniewski asked that a map be included for where residents want trail connections and that more room is provided for open-ended questions on the print copies. Freeman Troyer stated that their will likely be a large number of complaints regarding bicyclists not obeying traffic laws.

Joni Orders inquired what future speakers would be appropriate to discuss the land use growth plan and the Township's implementation of the plan. Freeman Troyer stated that we should have someone come and discuss wind turbine legislation. Keith Conroy stated that he would be interested in discussing gas station best practices. It was decided to have part of the next meeting address wind turbines and the other portion should include discussion on Dublin's environmental checklist. There was also an interest in addressing the county's sewer project. The results of the survey could help to determine next few topics. It may also be good to discuss the PUD and thoroughfare plans with the Engineer's Office.

Keith Conroy stated that the survey will be distributed in April and results should be available in May or June. Joni Orders stated it may be appropriate to extend the response deadline, if not enough residents initially respond. Keith Conroy stated the Township may be able to do a press release. Greg Wisniewski stated that you may get responses from outside the Township. Freeman Troyer stated it may not affect enough of the newspaper's area to be newsworthy.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Joni Orders announced the next regular meeting will be April 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Greg Wisniewski made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Freeman Troyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried. Joni Orders announced the meeting to be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

PREPARED BY:



Joe Clase, Zoning Administrator

ATTEST:

Freeman Mayer - Vice Chair
Joni Orders, Zoning Commission Chair

APPROVED:

8-18-11
Date