

Richfield Township Zoning Commission
January 12, 2017

The regular meeting was opened at 6:32 p.m. on January 12, 2017 with the following in attendance:

Patti Dorsett
John Paulett
Jerry Ruediger
Chris Sivak

Laurie Pinney, Zoning Inspector
Two residents were in attendance

It was noted that there are currently four members appointed to the zoning commission, with openings for a full member and two alternate members at this time.

The floor was opened to nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2017. Mr. Sivak nominated Ms. Dorsett for Chairperson. Having no other nominations, the floor was closed to nominations and a motion was made by Mr. Ruediger and seconded by Mr. Paulett to appoint Ms. Dorsett as Chairperson for 2017. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Ms. Dorsett then nominated Mr. Paulett for Vice Chairperson. Having no other nominations, the floor was closed to nominations and a motion was made by Ms. Dorsett and seconded by Mr. Ruediger to appoint Mr. Paulett as Vice Chairperson for 2017. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

The commission members turned to discussion of zoning amendment work for the year and Ms. Dorsett suggested that it might be beneficial to obtain Trustee input on goals and direction for zoning. The other members concurred and the commission asked that Trustee Jankura be requested to attend the next Zoning Commission meeting to provide input and to solicit input from the other two trustees as well.

Gayle Palshook, a Brush Road property owner, had requested to be on the agenda to promote discussion of the township considering the adoption of stormwater regulations. Ms. Palshook made a presentation to the commission and outlined current Summit County ordinances 941, 943 and 947, all which address land use matters that may have environmental impacts. She has requested the township to consider adopting similar regulations, to provide more local control over stormwater, steep slope and riparian issues. The commission members asked questions, discussed the information and agreed to add the item to the February agenda for discussion with Trustee Jankura and the new zoning inspector.

The commission members then turned to administrative business and a motion was made by Mr. Paulett and seconded by Mr. Ruediger to accept the corrected minutes of November 10, 2016. The motion passed with majority approval, with an abstention by Mr. Sivak. The December 8, 2016 meeting had been cancelled and there will be no minutes for that date.

Having no additional business, a motion was made by Mr. Sivak and seconded by Ms. Dorsett to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The motion received unanimous approval of those in attendance.

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____ Date _____