

Richfield Township Zoning Commission
March 9, 2017

The regular meeting was opened at 6:33p.m. on March 9, 2017 with the following in attendance:

Zoning Commission Members present:

Patti Dorsett
John Paulett
Chris Sivak

Zoning Commission Members absent:

Jerry Ruediger

Amy Page, Zoning Inspector

One Richfield Township Resident

Ms. Dorsett opened the meeting by asking for an update from Ms. Page about Summit Soil and Water Conservation District. Ms. Page said she spoke with Brian Prunty from Summit Soil and Water Conservation and a representative from his office will attend a Zoning Commission meeting in May or June to address questions from the commission. Ms. Page also stated that Mr. Prunty invited the members of the commission to a workshop his office will be conducting in the fall of 2017. No date has been set for the workshop. Ms. Page stated that Mr. Prunty felt that a representative from the Summit County Engineering Department should also be in attendance as well. Ms. Dorsett asked why engineering would need to attend and Ms. Page said that Mr. Prunty felt some questions would be better answered by the engineer's office.

John Paulett asked if commission members could submit questions in advance and Ms. Page said that if the commission would email any questions to her by March 15, 2017 she would submit them to Mr. Prunty and he could determine if a representative from the Summit County Engineers office should be in attendance as well. Ms. Dorsett stated that Mr. Ruediger was absent and asked Ms. Page to notify him about submitting questions.

Mr. Paulett turned the discussion to Ms. Gayle Palshook and asked Ms. Page to contact her with a response from the commission. Ms. Page said she thought the trustees had responded to Ms. Palshook and was not sure if an additional response would be warranted. Ms. Page will check with the trustees.

Ms. Dorsett turned the discussion to the LI-O regulations. Ms. Page stated that Township Trustee Jankura requested the commission regulations be revisited to encourage more business growth. Ms. Page shared a spreadsheet listing seven regulations and possible modifications.

Ms. Dorsett said she felt the joint work session between the Zoning Commission and the Township Trustees held in February would have been a more appropriate opportunity to discuss any changes to the LI-O regulations. Mr. Sivak agreed and noted that many of the residents in

attendance at the last meeting were concerned about changes to the LI-O. Mr. Paulett noted that he would be open to discussion and changes as long as it remains light industrial.

Ms. Dorsett noted the commission has three choices: continue the discussion on LI-O next month and advertise the meeting so we can have resident input, table the discussion until January of 2018, or say no we have looked at this and no changes will be made. All members felt no further action is needed.

Ms. Page shared an email about amending Richfield Township sign regulations to address the US Supreme Court 2015 Reed v. Gilbert AZ. Ms. Page will send commission members additional information on the Reed v. Gilbert AZ case as well as a copy of our current sign code and commission members will revisit this matter during the April meeting.

The commission members then turned to administrative business and a motion was made by Mr. Paulett and seconded by Mr. Sivak to accept the minutes of February 9, 2017. The motion passed with unanimous approval

Having no additional business, a motion was made by Mr. Sivak and seconded by Ms. Dorsett to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. The motion received unanimous approval

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____ Date _____