

Richfield Township Zoning Commission

April 13, 2017

The regular meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. on April 13, 2017 with the following in attendance:

Zoning Commission Members present:

Patti Dorsett

John Paulett

Jerry Ruediger

Zoning Commission Members absent:

Chris Sivak

Amy Page, Zoning Inspector

Two Richfield Township Residents

Ms. Dorsett opened the meeting by asking Ms. Page to discuss a call she received from a Richfield Township resident asking about short term home rentals in Richfield Township. Ms. Page said a Richfield Township resident called and asked about building a home in Richfield Township for the sole purpose of renting it on a short term basis. Ms. Page said that nothing in the Richfield Township Zoning Regulations would prohibit this and asked if the Zoning Commission would like to discuss the possibility of making changes to the Zoning Resolution to prohibit this. After a brief discussion it was decided that more information was needed. Ms. Dorsett asked Ms. Page to contact other townships in Ohio to see if they had anything similar in their Zoning Regulations. Ms. Dorsett also asked Ms. Page to ask for legal advice on this matter.

Ms. Dorsett turned the discussion to the Richfield Township Sign Regulations. The Zoning Commission had received information about a Supreme Court Case challenging the constitutionality of the free speech in a sign in Gilbert Arizona. In light of this information, the Zoning Commission felt it would be best to see if any changes were needed to Richfield Townships sign regulations. After the Zoning Commission members had a chance to review the case summary they felt this case was about restrictions that were unconstitutionally restrictive to a church in Gilbert Arizona and no changes were needed to Richfield Townships Sign Regulations.

Ms. Dorsett turned the discussion to Richfield Township Home Based Business Regulations. The commission member discussed each item and possible modifications. Ms. Dorsett asked Ms. Page to have a list of the proposed changes for further discussion at the May meeting.

Ms. Dorsett noted that she had received a correspondence from Ms. Gayle Palshook, a Brush Road Property owner, requesting to speak at the Zoning Commission meeting. Ms. Dorsett invited Ms. Palshook to the podium to address the Zoning Commission. Ms. Palshook made a presentation to the commission about current Summit County stormwater regulations and asked for Richfield Township to adopt similar regulations to provide more local control over stormwater. Ms. Dorsett said Ms. Palshook had a very similar presentation at a previous meeting.

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

Ms. Dorsett asked that the discussion on the landscape buffer regulations in LI-O district be postponed to the May meeting.

Having no additional business, a motion was made by Mr. Paulette and seconded by Mr. Ruediger to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. The motion received unanimous approval.

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____ Date _____