

Richfield Township Zoning Commission

May 11, 2017

The regular meeting was opened at 6:32 p.m. on May 11, 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 resuming the prior discussion on short term rentals in Richfield Township. Ms. Dorsett asked Ms. Page to share the email from the Summit County Prosecutors office. Ms. Page stated that the Summit County Prosecutor's office said that Richfield Township can adopt restrictions on the length of the rental of a residence. Mr. Paulett felt short term rentals would be a business. Mr. Ruediger presented Short term rental regulations adopted by several other cities for consideration. Ms. Dorsett discussed background checks required by other cities for short term rentals. Mr. Paulett felt rentals maybe used as party homes. Ms. Dorsett asked Ms. Page to forward the information presented during the meeting to Mr. Sivak. Ms. Dorsett asked that the members be prepared to make a decision on short term rentals during the June meeting.

Mr. Paulette turned the discussion to having a representative from Summit Soil and Water attend the June meeting. Ms. Dorsett said the Zoning Commission members would like to have a presentation on the services Summit Soil and Water offers.

Ms. Dorsett resumed the prior discussion on Richfield Township Home Based Business Regulations. The commission member discussed each item and proposed modifications. Ms. Dorsett asked Ms. Page to have a list of the proposed changes for final approval at the June meeting.

Ms. Dorsett asked if the residents in attendance would like speak. Mark Smerk spoke about a letter he received from Ms. Page. Gayle Palshook spoke about the upcoming presentation by Summit Soil and Water as well as codes that pertain to soil erosion.

Ms. Dorsett turned the discussion to landscape buffers in the LI-O District. Mr. Paulett prosed Buffer Yard A to have 3 canopy trees instead of the one which is currently required. Ms. Dorsett asked Ms. Page to have the proposed change prepared for final approval at the June 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 April 13, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Having no additional business, a motion was made by Ms. Dorsett and seconded by Mr. Paulette to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. The motion received unanimous approval.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_