

Richfield Township Zoning Commission

June 8, 2017

The regular meeting was opened at 6:31 p.m. on June 8, 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

Stephanie Deibel, Summit County Soil and Water Conservation District

One Richfield Township Residents

Ms. Dorsett opened the meeting by resuming the prior discussion on landscape buffer regulations for the Light Industrial – Office District. The proposed changes would require 3 canopy trees in “Bufferyard A” as opposed to the One (1) that is currently required. A motion was made by Ms. Dorsett and seconded by Mr. Paulett to approve the change requiring 3 canopy trees in “Bufferyard A”. The motion received unanimous approval.

Ms. Dorsett resumed the prior discussion on Home Based Business and asked Ms. Page to read the proposed changes aloud. A motion was made by Ms. Dorsett and seconded by Mr. Ruediger to accept the changes. The motion received unanimous approval.

Ms. Dorsett invited Stephanie Deibel, a representative from Summit County Soil and Water Conservation District, to give a presentation on the work this agency performs.

Ms. Dorsett resumed the prior discussion on short term rentals in Richfield Township. Ms. Dorsett said she felt this is a business of the future and the Zoning Commission should adopt regulations on it. Mr. Paulet said he felt this type of business would become more and common in the future and is already regulated by the current Richfield Township Zoning Regulations and he feels no change to the zoning code are necessary he stated that under current R-1 category it does not exist, Ms. Dorsett added that under Richfield Township Zoning Resolutions if it is not permitted then it is prohibited, Mr. Paulet agreed. Mr. Ruediger said if the Zoning Commission is going to consider short term rentals they should first define it and then consider limitations. Ms. Dorsett asked Ms. Page to have a definition of a short term rental prepared for the next meeting.

The commission members then turned to administrative business and a motion was made by Mr. Ruediger and seconded by Ms. Dorsett to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Ms. Dorsett suggested that the Zoning Commission not meet in the months of July and August. The next meeting will be September 14, 2017.

Having no additional business, a motion was made by Mr. Paulette and seconded by Mr. Ruediger to adjourn at 7:30p.m. The motion received unanimous approval.

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____ Date _____