

Richfield Township Zoning Commission  
October 8, 2020

To meet requirements of Ohio HB 197 to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the regular meeting was held remotely via the MS Teams meeting software and was opened at 6:40 p.m. on October 8, 2020 with the following in attendance:

Mark Totten  
Patti Dorsett  
Dwayne Gentner

Harold Gaar, Matt Diepenbrock and Chris Sivak were not in attendance. Township administrator Mindy Remec and zoning inspector Laurie Pinney attended the meeting.

Mr. Totten recommended that discussion of possible amendment to the LI-O regulations be tabled, since there were three members not in attendance. Ms. Dorsett and Mr. Gentner concurred, but Mr. Gentner questioned Ms. Remec on whether the three trustees support the required LI-O Bufferwall being continuous adjacent to the entire residential property line. Ms. Remec responded that she had consulted individually with each trustee and they are in support of the continuous Bufferwall. Mr. Gentner also had questions about a meeting on the Columbia Road extension and discussion of a proposed TIF (tax increment financing) proposal and Ms. Remec said that Trustee Luther had reported at the October 1, 2020 trustee meeting regarding a recent inspection meeting that had been held. The TIF has been under discussion but was taken off the October 1, 2020 trustee agenda at the request of the property owner and may be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Totten raised questions about the Summit County Riparian Ordinance and has an understanding that a potential Best Buy proposal in the LI-O district may require variances from the riparian regulations.

The commission members turned to the approval of minutes, but there was not a quorum of attendees from the September 10, 2020 meeting and the minutes were tabled.

Ms. Dorsett brought up the discussion of possible modification to swimming pool regulations for all districts and said there seems to be a concurrence that regulations should include that pool covers may not be substituted for required fencing and that zoning approval for fencing should be required at the time of issuance of zoning approval for the pool and suggested the commission might finalize the proposed regulations at the next meeting. The other members agreed.

Ms. Pinney provided an update from a discussion at the October 1, 2020 trustees meeting on issues with non-agricultural uses requesting agricultural exemptions and also reminded the commission members that there will be an RTZR 14-day timeline for review of a proposed LI-O application and she will keep everyone posted when an application is submitted.

Having no other business, a motion was made by Ms. Dorsett and seconded by Mr. Gentner to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. The motion received unanimous approval of those in attendance.

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