

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **AUBURN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION—PUBLIC HEARING ZC-2024-02** Meeting

Auburn Township Administration Building

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 11010 Washington Street _____ December 12, 2024 ²⁰ _____

MEMBERS PRESENT: SCOTT BROCKMAN, JEFF PULSFORD, TED VAN HYNING,
GREG LACKEY, ANGELA DAUGHERTY

MEMBER ABSENT: DENNIS BERGANSKY, CHAD CANFIELD,

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Ted Van Hyning.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott Brockman.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Scott Brockman, Jeff Pulsford, Greg Lackey, Ted Van Hyning and Angela Daugherty.

Member absent: Dennis Bergansky and Chad Canfield

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Mr. Van Hyning explained the proposed amendment ZC-2024-02 which was adding family cemeteries and updating, from the Ohio Revised Code, for Wind/Solar Farms.

The Commission reviewed the recommendations from the Geauga County Planning Commission's December 10, 2024, meeting. Mr. Van Hyning read the comments on family cemeteries from Linda Crombie.

A copy of the letter from the Planning Commission will be located in the Amendment file for ZC-2024-02.

Mr. Deitrich addressed the comments individually.

David Dietrich commented on the first bullet point. He indicated that the amendment stated "private" because no one is going to establish a private cemetery on public land.

On the second point that was in the letter, Mr. Dietrich commented that this distance was originally chosen based on a recommendation from Bob Weisdak (Gauga County Health Department) back when this was originally written. Mr. Dietrich also indicated that there is NOTHING currently in the ORC regarding an isolation distance, so we went with Mr. Weisdak's original recommendation.

On the third point, Mr. Dietrich commented that it is a given, of course, it is from the property line.

Mr. Dietrich also commented that the affidavit of fact was discussed in great at length and it is understood that the Township cannot require or suggest anything regarding a family cemetery and that is why we have it listed "should". It is just a suggestion to help protect the sanctity of a grave site and to provide information to the family members who might want to protect the family cemetery.

It was also noted that there is not any rational basis for approaching the Health Department, because the answer will be nothing.

Mr. Van Hyning asked if any member of the public has any comments on family cemeteries?

Morris Wein commented that he does not think we could understand it well enough to comment.

Mr. Van Hyning asked for comments from the Zoning Commission.

There were no comments from the Commission.

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Motion by Scott Brockman to close the public hearing for ZC-2024-02. The motion was seconded by Angela Daugherty. Vote: Brockman, yes; Pulsford, yes; Van Hying, yes; Lackey, yes; and Daugherty, yes. The motion passed.

A copy of sign-in sheet for this hearing is in the permanent file for ZC-2024-02.

The proceedings moved on to the next Public Hearing.

Minutes submitted by

Minutes Approved on:



Sarah Mulleman, ZC Secretary

January 9, 2025

Ted Van Hying, Chairman