RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AUBURN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION—**REGULAR MEETING** Meeting

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

Auburn Township Administration Building

Held 11010 Washington Street February 23, 2023 20 1

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: TED VAN HYNING, DENNIS BERGANSKY, SCOTT BROCKMAN, GREG LACKEY

**MEMBER ABSENT:** CHAD CANFIELD, JASON WEIN, AND JEFF PULSFORD

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted Van Hyning at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken by Secretary, Sarah Mulleman. Members present were Mr. Van Hyning, Mr. Bergansky, Mr. Brockman, and Mr. Lackey.

David Dietrich was also present at the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Lackey.

**Motion by Scott Brockman to approve the meeting minutes from the February 9, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis Bergansky. Vote: Brockman, yes; Bergansky, yes; Van Hyning, yes; and Lackey, yes. The motion passed.**

Mr. Van Hyning moved on to the next order of business which was to introduce the Zoning Commission's new member Greg Lackey.

Greg Lackey introduced himself to the Commission and indicated that he currently lives in Auburn Meadows, he is semi-retired and has lived in Auburn since 2015. He indicated that he just wanted to get more involved in the community.

Mr. Van Hyning asked if he had any questions that Mr. Brockman and Mr. Dietrich were a wealth of zoning knowledge.

The Commission moved on to New Business which was to initiate the new zoning amendment identified at ZC-2023-01.

**Motion by Dennis Bergansky to initiate ZC-2023-01. The motion was seconded by Scott Brockman. Vote: Brockman, yes; Bergansky, yes; Van Hyning, yes; and Lackey, yes. The motion passed.**

**Motion by Scott Brockman to transmit ZC-2023-01. The motion was seconded by Dennis Bergansky. Vote: Van Hyning, yes; Brockman, yes; Bergansky, yes; and Lackey, yes. The motion passed.**

**Motion by Scott Brockman to set the date for the Public Hearing for ZC-2023-01 for March 23, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ted Van Hyning. Vote: Van Hyning, yes; Brockman, yes; Bergansky, yes; and Lackey, yes. The motion passed.**

A discussion took place regarding modifying the Zoning Commission's meeting schedule. It was noted that since the Resolution had a major update during the last couple years, the work load for the Commission will be significantly lessened.

The Commission decided to cancel the March 9, 2023, meeting and will meet on March 23, 2023, for the Public Hearing on the zoning amendment and then hold a regular meeting. It was noted that the Commission needs to meet twelve (12) times a year.

A discussion took place regarding some potential problematic areas that may need to be addressed by the Zoning Commission. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Inspector Frank Kitko will be asked for items that they feel may need to be addressed.

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Mr. Van Hyning indicated that the rest of the meeting schedule will be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Dietrich commented that House Bill 563, regarding short term rentals, is "dead" and has not been reintroduced.

Mr. Dietrich also commented that Carmella Shale with Geauga Soil and Water is working on an abbreviated storm water plan which will be applied to additions and sheds and small stuff.

Mr. Dietrich indicated that the Commission has done so much work over the past couple years, that there may not be whole sections to review, but he will come up with a few other things to discuss.

A discussion took place regarding the legal and illegal marijuana grow facilities.

Mr. Lackey was asked if he had any questions. He indicated that he did not. Mr. Van Hyning commented that Article 2 (the definitions) and Article 4A (the Schedule of Uses) are sections of the zoning resolution that are referenced frequently. Mr. Van Hyning also noted that one of the goals of the Zoning Commission is to make the Zoning Resolution easy to read and to be sure the answer is in the zoning resolution before someone asks the question or before it goes to the Board of Zoning Appeals to challenge it.

**Motion by Ted Van Hyning to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Brockman. Vote: Van Hyning, yes; Bergansky, yes; Brockman, yes; and Lackey, yes. The motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes Approved on:

March 23, 2023

Sarah C. Mulleman, Secretary

Scott Brockman, Vice Chairman