RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AUBURN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION—REGULAR MEETING Meeting

Auburn Township Administration Building

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

Held 11010 Washington Street July 13, 2023 20 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFF PULSFORD, DENNIS BERGANSKY, SCOTT BROCKMAN, GREG LACKEY

MEMBER ABSENT: TED VAN HYNING, CHAD CANFIELD, JASON WEIN,

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Scott Brockman at 7:13 PM.

Roll call was taken. Members present at that time were Dennis Bergansky, Scott Brockman, and Greg Lackey. Mr. Pulsford arrived at 7:35 PM

Members absent were: Chad Canfield, Jason Wein, and Ted Van Hyning.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott Brockman.

Members reviewed the meeting minutes from the prior meeting held on June 8, 2023.

There were no corrections or concerns.

Motion by Dennis Bergansky to approve the meeting minutes from the June 8, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Brockman. Vote: Brockman, yes; Bergansky, yes; and Lackey, yes. The motion passed.

The meeting continued to the next item on the agenda.

A discussion took place regarding being buried in your back yard. It was noted that there is no answer yet as to whether a burial on a property requires a real estate disclosure upon sale of the property; but, a murder or a death in the dwelling has to be disclosed.

The Commission moved on to the next agenda item.

A discussion took place regarding the conditions being discussed and set for burial on private property. It was noted that there is information in the Ohio Revised Code regarding human burials on private property. It is also noted that this is a permitted and cannot be prohibited per the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Bergansky commented that the only concern with having a private cemetery may be that potentially is it going to scare people away or devalue the property.

Mr. Brockman commented that it could be kind of cool to have an old cemetery on the property. A discussion took place regarding members' experiences with private cemeteries and experiences with dead people and corpses. It was decided that everyone should just donate their body to science.

Moving to the next topic for discussion, Mr. Brockman commented that he reviewed the Law Bulletin, that Mr. Dietrich furnished, that discussed wind farms and alternate energy. He explained that this new law gives local government input in the decision making and veto powers within the process of allowing them.

Mr. Brockman commented that the verbiage that David Dietrich is suggesting. This verbiage will replace the current Article in the Zoning Resolution and will match up with the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Brockman further explained that the developers are talking about using agricultural land for these projects and that there are over 44 projects that will cover over 75 thousand acres. He also explained that the developers would basically turn all the agricultural land into solar/wind farmland and so there would be power but no food.

Discussion took place regarding electric vehicles (EV's). It was noted that the amount of time an electric vehicle would take to recharge at a gas station is an hour or two.
More discussion took place regarding wind turbines.

Mr. Brockman commented that he would like to wait for further discussion until Mr. Dietrich is at the next meeting.

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Mr. Brockman continued with discussing adult daycare facilities. Mr. Pulsford expressed his concerns about the effect an adult daycare facility will have on the fire department. He also expressed some other concerns about this use and what could be attracted to the community.

Mr. Brockman noted that potentially an adult day care could be an asset to the community. He further explained that it may allow current residents that live in the community and want to stay in Auburn the opportunity to stay in the community they love. A discussion took place.

A discussion took place regarding conservation easements and how the conservation easement preserves and protects the land, but as a result, the preserved property cannot be used for any other purpose. In addition, it was noted that an example of the draw back of an easement is that you cannot have signs, tree stands, ATVs or much of anything on the property.

More discussion took place regarding a cemetery on personal property increasing or decreasing the property value.

Mr. Lackey commented that maybe the gravesite should be marked and maintained so that someone accidently will not find the grave by accident when digging on the property. A discussion took place regarding enforcement and what the Revised Code says about it.

Mr. Brockman suggested that the members read through all the adult daycare information for next meeting, so members are prepared for Mr. Dietrich.

Mr. Bergansky commented that the biggest problem that he sees with adult day cares is that the use will probably burn out the fire department and paramedics resources and then more will be needed.

Mr. Brockman commented that it will be readdressed at the August 10th meeting.

It was noted that the meeting calendar appears to be current, the next meeting will be August 10, 2023.

There were no further comments.

Motion by Dennis Bergansky to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Greg Lackey. Vote: Brockman, yes; Bergansky, yes; Pulsford, yes; and Lackey, yes. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes Approved on:

August 10, 2023

Sarah C. Mulleman, Secretary

Scott Brockman, Vice-Chairman