RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AUBURN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES—PUBLIC HEARING Meeting

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

Held Auburn Township Administration Building September 15, 2025 Page 1 20

The Public Hearing of the Auburn Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Trustee Chairman Eugene T. McCune Jr. Trustees Michael S. Troyan and Patrick J. Cavanagh were also in attendance.

No members of the Auburn Township Zoning Commission were in attendance.

Trustee Michael Troyan read aloud from the proposed Auburn Township Zoning Amendment change, ZC2025-03 – Storage Containers and Misc. It included Definitions (2.02) and Accessory Uses (5.02).

He also read aloud the letter dated August 14, 2025, from Linda M. Crombie, AICP, Planning Director, Geauga County Planning Commission to Sarah Mulleman, Secretary, Auburn Township Zoning Commission, in which the Geauga County Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of the proposed ZC2025-03. The commission cited a number of issues.

- They argued the amendment has unnecessary or unenforceable language, such as rules about a container not being in a road right-of-way, since those regulations already exist.
- They felt the language was inconsistent and could prohibit the use of containers as building materials or negatively impact the local economy by discouraging local construction of similar structures.
- The commission also raised concerns about freedom of speech, given the prohibition of signs on the containers, and felt the limit of one container per acre was too restrictive.

Mr. McCune Jr. asked the audience if there were any questions. There were no comments or questions from the audience.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Eugene T. McCune Jr. to recess the public hearing to allow time for a Zoning Commission representative to attend a future meeting and provide clarification on the amendment. The motion was seconded by P.J. Cavanagh. VOTE: Troyan, yes; Cavanagh yes; McCune Jr., yes. The motion PASSED.

The Public Hearing was recessed at 6:52 p.m. by Eugene T. McCune until October 6, 2025, 6:45 p.m. and the board moved on to the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

Daniel J. Matsko, Fiscal Officer

Eugene T. McCune, Chairman

Patrick J. Cavanagh, Trustee

Michael S. Troyan, Trustee

Oct 6, 2025
Date