

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Millcreek Township Hall, 10420 Watkins Road, Marysville Ohio 43040

2017 ZONING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

- Thursday, February 23, 2017*
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017*
- Tuesday, April 18, 2017*
- Tuesday, May 16, 2017*
- Tuesday, June 20, 2017*
- Tuesday, July 18, 2017*
- Tuesday, August 15, 2017*
- Tuesday, September 19, 2017*
- Tuesday, October 17, 2017*
- Tuesday, November 21, 2017*
- Tuesday, December 19, 2017*

*Millcreek Township Zoning Commission regular meetings are **generally** held on Tuesdays, and **typically** begin at 7:00 p.m. They are held at the Millcreek Township Hall, located at 10420 Watkins Road, Marysville, Ohio 43040. The public is invited to attend.*

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chair Joni Orders at approximately 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The Zoning Administrator called the roll:

Members Present:

- Joni Orders, Chair
- Kevin Bryant, Vice-chair
- Greg Wisniewski
- Eryn Staats
- Freeman Troyer
- Jim Lawrenz
- Tim Belmonte

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

- Phil Honsey, Zoning Administrator
- Kevin Cooperrider, Shelly Materials, Inc.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Mr. Wisniewski moved approval of the January 18, 2017 Zoning Commission meeting. Ms. Staats Seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mr. Wisniewski moved approval of the February 23, 2017 special combined Zoning Commission, BZA and Trustees meeting, as provided by the Township Fiscal Officer. Mr. Belmonte seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

TRUSTEES COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Acceptance and Distribution of Rezoning Application: The Zoning Administrator distributed to each member the voluminous contents of rezoning application ZC-2017-001 provided by the applicant's representative, Kevin Cooperrider, of Shelly Materials. The Zoning Administrator noted discussion on the merits of the case would not be held until the April 18, 2017 Zoning Commission Public Hearing.

Billboards: The Zoning Administrator indicated he has been contacted by several billboard vendors and surveyors. In that initial review process he has discovered contradictions in some sections of the current zoning code (last amended on April 18, 2014). There was lengthy discussion regarding the history of billboard zoning issues and amendments in the Township.

From on-line resources, Mr. Wisniewski cited sections within the Ohio Revised Code that specifically permit billboards within rural, industrial and business districts.

Mr. Freeman moved that the Zoning Administrator research and provide a recommendation to the Zoning Commission on the conflicting wording in the code, and provide guidance on which standards should govern. Mr. Bryant seconded. All ayes.

Given the above decision, the Zoning Administrator will accept, but not approve, any billboard application(s) until Zoning Commission resolution of the issue.

Medical Marijuana: The Zoning Administrator passed out a draft of a one-year Jerome Township moratorium on that township's implementation of State approved medical marijuana facilities, reportedly adopted by the Jerome Township Trustees on March 6, 2017, and received by the Zoning Administrator earlier in the day on March 21, 2017.

There was extensive discussion regarding this new subject. It appears both the State and local governments are still working through issues to clarify administration of the new law.

The Zoning Commission informally requested the Zoning Administrator to research the issues and make recommendations at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Chair Orders noted the next meeting of the Commission will be April 18, 2017

ADJOURN:

Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wisniewski seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

PREPARED BY:

Phil Honsey, Zoning Administrator

Date _____

APPROVED:

Joni Orders, Zoning Commission Chair

Date _____