

Chester Township Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

| Wednesday, September 20, 2023 7:00 PM |

Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Oswick at: 7:02 pm

Members present: Mr. Chess, Mr. Kats, Mr. Lauro, Mr. Oswick

Members absent: Mr. Nastasi, Mr. Peto

Admin present: Ms. McCarthy

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Oswick led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2023 as modified.

Moved by Mr. Lauro; Seconded by Mr. Kats

Mr. Chess/yes; Mr. Kats/yes; Mr. Lauro/yes; Mr. Nastasi/absent; Mr. Oswick/yes;

Mr. Peto/absent

Public Comments

A Chester resident who asked to remain anonymous voiced his concern about two parcels in the township that are poorly kept up. Ms. McCarthy explained the "Complaint of Zoning Violation" form and he began filling them out. Mr. Oswick explained the role of a Zoning Inspector, the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. The resident left the meeting once he had voiced his concerns about the two parcels.

Active and Passive Parks as a Zoning District

At the September 7, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting, a discussion took place regarding the possibility of adding a Parks Zoning District.

Group discussion involved talking about Active vs Passive Park designation. Is there a benefit to a parcel or the owner of record being designated a Park? Review of Zoning Maps of other Geauga County townships and how Parks are designated/identified. How are the Geauga Park District parks designated in other townships?

Consideration given to not adding a Parks Zoning district to the Zoning Map. Need to identify the benefit of adding a Park district. Will the property owner stay the same and if so, is control given to an outside agency to control the property.

Board determined a letter needed to be sent to the Geauga County Planning Commission to help determine how to best label a Park on the Zoning Map.

Further discussion on Parks was tabled until all Zoning Commission members could be present.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting of October 4, 2023

Signage

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Upcoming Items/Deadline

- Board of Trustees Public Hearing for Amendment Z-2023-1 scheduled to be heard September 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Close at: 8:25 pm

Approved by:

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Final Review by: _____
Jon Oswick, Chair