

# Chester Township Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

| Wednesday, August 21, 2024 7:00 PM |

Chester Town Hall

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Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Mr. Oswick at 7:06 p.m.

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

Members absent:

Admin present: Ms. McCarthy

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Announcements**

- Mr. Oswick announced the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to tornado.
- Tonight's scheduled Public Hearing for three amendments needed to be rescheduled – Planning Commission did not have quorum at their August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. As the County Planning Commission's recommendation must be read at the public hearing, this means the Zoning's Commission's public hearing will need to be opened and continued until such time the Planning Commission has made its recommendation. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission is September 10 so scheduling the date for the Zoning Commission's continued public hearing will be September 18<sup>th</sup>. Public hearing for ZC-2024-3, ZC-2024-4 and ZC-2024-5 rescheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Open the Public Hearing for Proposed Chester Township Zoning Amendment ZC-2024-3, ZC-2024-4, ZC-2024-5**

- Mr. Oswick - As we do not have a recommendation from the Geauga County Planning Commission, this Public Hearing will be continued to September 18, 2024.
- Motion to continue this Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment ZC-2024-3, ZC-2024-4, ZC-2024-5 to September 18, 2024.

Moved by Mr. Peto; Seconded by Mr. Lauro

Mr. Chess/yes; Mr. Kats/yes; Mr. Lauro/yes; Mr. Oswick/yes; Mr. Peto/yes

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2024 as presented.

Moved by Mr. Lauro; Seconded by Mr. Kats

Mr. Chess/abstain; Mr. Kats/yes; Mr. Lauro/yes; Mr. Oswick/yes; Mr. Peto/abstain

Motion approved

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Motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2024 as presented.

Moved by Mr. Lauro; Seconded by Mr. Peto

Mr. Chess/yes; Mr. Kats/yes; Mr. Lauro/yes; Mr. Oswick/abstain; Mr. Peto/yes

Motion approved

Motion to approve the minutes of July 31, 2024 as presented.

Moved by Mr. Lauro; Seconded by Mr. Oswick

Mr. Chess/yes; Mr. Kats/abstain; Mr. Lauro/yes; Mr. Oswick/yes; Mr. Peto/abstain

Motion approved

### **Electronic Handouts from Zoning Inspector for discussion at next meeting**

- Accessory buildings to rear of front building line.  
Mr. Kats suggested the ZC Board discussed this in the past. Unless the Board of Trustees agree with this in concept ahead of time, the ZC Board declines to consider this at this point.
  - Ms. McCarthy will find copies of proposed amendment and develop timeline of what happened and include documentation for BoT review.
- Playground equipment in front yard of residential properties
- Distance requirement for advising parties of interest for BZA hearings.

### **New Business**

Group voiced their concern about pay for attendance at meetings. Mr. Chess will get Mr. Radtke documentation supporting a pay increase and forward to the entire BoT.

Mr. Chess shared his thoughts with Mr. Radtke about the disaster response from the Township after the recent storm. Mr. Lauro added the following recommended changes for the future:

- Hold a “post mortem” follow up meeting.
- Create a township “Disaster Response Team” with primary objectives:
  - Identify members.
  - Establish meeting protocols.

Mr. Radtke updated the group on some of the recent developments and what steps may be taken into the future.

### **Next Meeting – September 4, 2024**

**Meeting Called to Close at:** 7:41 p.m.

Approved by:

Chester Township Zoning Commission September 4, 2024

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Final Review by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jon Oswick, Chair