

**Licking Township Zoning Commission**

*c/o Andrea M. Lynch, Zoning Clerk*

*Paul Matthews Interim Chairman;*

*Dale Ours; Guy Zierk; Terry Clark;*

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Minutes from the Licking Township Zoning Commission, March 4, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commission Members present at roll call: Mr. Matthews; Mr. Ours; Mr. Powell; Mr. Zierk.

Absent: Ms. Clark

Others in Attendance: Doug Howell; Andrea Lynch; John Cormican

Mr. Ours made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with one correction noted.

Mr. Matthews seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 4 ayes

Mr. Matthews welcomed Mr. Christopher Powell to the Board. At the request of the LTWP Trustees, Mr. Powell transitioned from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Zoning Commission Board.

***Correspondence:***

- 1) LTWP Trustee letter to Dale Wise
- 2) LTWP Resolution #2-19-2024 re: Prohibiting Cannabis Operations.
- 3) LTWP Resolution #03-04-2024 re: Request to Licking County Commissioners to prohibit solar/wind mega farms.
- 4) Updated ZC contact list

***Zoning Inspector:*** Doug Howell provided an update regarding the construction of the Jacksontown Business Park on the Headley property north of ODOT.

***Old Business:***

- Mr. Matthews notified the Commission Members that the LTWP Trustees have contracted with Crossroads Community Planning LLC to assist with updating the current comprehensive plan.
- Discussion regarding volunteers to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Matthews and Mr. Zierk both volunteered to serve. Mr. Zierk inquired about whether Dawes Arboretum has been asked to have a volunteer on the steering committee.
- Nominations for Chair and Vice Chairperson for ZC for 2024 were offered.

Mr. Zierk nominated Mr. Matthews to serve as the 2024 chairperson for the Zoning Commission.

Mr. Powell seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 4 ayes

Mr. Zierk nominated himself to serve as the 2024 vice chairperson for the Zoning Commission.

Mr. Ours seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 4 ayes

***New Business:***

- Zoning Commission would like to formally invite Trustee John Holman to attend their meeting in April. Mrs. Lynch will send the invite.
- Mr. Matthews made a motion that Guy Zierk and Paul Matthews will serve on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.  
Mr. Powell seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: 4 ayes.

- A discussion took place regarding appointees to the ZC and BZA. Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Cormican explained that interviews will be taking place on 3/11 and 3/18 and that both boards should have their members set shortly thereafter.
- Mrs. Lynch suggested that the Board rekindle previous discussions regarding Yurts and Air Bnbs. A discussion took place. Mr. Powell will take the lead on researching Yurts. Mr. Matthews will take the lead on researching Air Bnbs and Mr. Powell will assist.
- Mr. Ours led a discussion on Certificate of Occupancy Permits and Fees. Mr. Ours shared his previous experience with the City of Newark and the need for this to occur at the township level. Mr. Ours declined taking the lead on researching the topic for future consideration. The Commission agreed that the Comprehensive Plan may cover this topic and may help drive the zoning regulations on this matter.
- A discussion took place regarding the LTWP Resolution #03-04-2024 as it relates to mega wind/solar farms. Mr. Cormican explained that the resolution only addresses 50+ mega -watt commercial farms and that LTZC needs to research and review regulations as it pertains to 0-49 mega -watt. Mrs. Lynch stated that she sent an email to Lakewood Local School District to obtain information regarding their solar panel installations at the elementary school and high school. Mr. Matthews stated that the ZC needs to develop regulations to account for the 0-49 mega- watt farm sooner rather than later. The topic was tabled for further discussion.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Cormican apologized to the LTZC on behalf of the LTWP Trustees for the lack of communication between their board and the LTZC.

Mr. Ours moved to adjourn the meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Matthews seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 4 ayes

Minutes approved by:

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Meeting Minutes recorded by Andrea M. Lynch, Zoning Clerk – 03-04-24