

Licking Township Zoning Commission
c/o Andrea M. Lynch, Zoning Clerk
Paul Matthews Chairman;
Terry Clark; Dale Ours; Christopher Powell; Guy Zierk
Dave Moraine (Alternate)
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Minutes from the Licking Township Zoning Commission, April 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. Moraine; Mr. Ours.
Absent: Ms. Clark; Mr. Powell; Mr. Zierk
Others in Attendance: Doug Howell; Andrea Lynch; John Holman

Mr. Matthews made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 3/4/24.
Mr. Ours seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 2 ayes **Mr. Moraine was not permitted to vote as was not member of board on 3/4/24*

Mr. Matthews welcomed Alternate Dave Moraine to the Zoning Commission Board.

Mr. Matthews welcomed Trustee Chairman John Holman as an invited guest speaker.

Mr. Holman gave a presentation to the ZC regarding vision and goals; expectations; communication; civility pledge. A discussion took place.

Mr. Holman commended Mr. Matthews for taking the initiative to serve as the chairman of the Zoning Commission and for his efforts in strengthening communication, member accountability, etc.

Mr. Holman distributed copies of the presentation, civility pledge, and zoning regulations amendment adoption dates which reflect the work done by previous ZC Boards.

Mr. Holman explained that zoning is of top priority and shared the comprehensive plan re-tooling; strategic planning committee and selection of members; provided update dates for upcoming community survey and community meeting to be held on 5/8/24 at Lakewood High School Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m.

Correspondence:

- 1) Updated LTWP ZC Contact List
- 2) OTA Legislation notice regarding Senate & House evaluating housing crisis and impact to township zoning.
- 3) Columbus Dispatch article re: Housing Crisis and potential impact to township zoning.

Mr. Matthews made a motion that the Licking Township Zoning Commission, in conjunction with the Licking Township Trustees and Licking Township Board of Zoning Appeals, draft a joint letter to the legislators requesting they support maintaining Zoning at the township level.
Mr. Moraine seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Matthews, yes; Moraine, yes; Ours, yes.

Mrs. Lynch will draft the letter and obtain signatures and approval from the LTWP Trustees before having the chairs from the ZC and BZA sign.

Zoning Inspector: Mr. Howell had no updates

Old Business:

- Mr. Matthews led a brief discussion regarding solar farms that generate less than 50 mega-watts as these farms are excluded from the LTWP Trustees Resolution #03-04-2024. Mr. Matthews

stated that the Zoning Commission must create language for the Zoning Regulations for solar farms 49 mega-watts or less.

- A brief discussion took place regarding the details Mrs. Lynch obtained from Lakewood Local School District as it pertains to their solar array.
- A brief discussion took place regarding Yurts, short term rentals (ie Airbnb). Mrs. Lynch will contact the Licking County Auditor's office (Brad Cottrell) to confirm if any taxes are being collected for these types of properties in Licking County.
- Mr. Ours shared his experience of 20+ years serving on the Zoning Commission Board and the changes he has seen in personnel, focus on zoning, etc., Mr. Ours said that he has continued to suggest a Certificate of Occupancy Permits and Fees program for LTWP with very little success. Mr. Ours expressed concerns for the continuity and impact to the zoning department based on the anticipated development and suggested careful consideration for the Zoning Department including the Zoning Clerk and Zoning Inspector.

New Business:

- Mr. Matthews stressed the importance of attendance and communication regarding zoning commission attendance.
- Mr. Matthews presented the Civility Pledge for consideration. A discussion took place.

Mr. Moraine moved that the Licking Township Zoning Commission adopt the Civility Pledge as follows:

Civility Pledge

Personal: In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility by listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are all striving to support and improve our community, and understanding that we each may have different ideas for achieving that objective.

Zoning Commission: The Licking Township Zoning Commission pledges to practice and promote civility within the governing body. The Commission Members enact this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of the community. This civility pledge ensures mutual respect to achieve township goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance and civility are imperative to success. This civility pledge creates opportunities for finding common ground and engaging in civil discussion to seek solutions through active listening and thoughtful participation.

Mr. Ours seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Matthews, yes; Mr, Ours, yes; Mr. Moraine, yes.

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Ours moved to adjourn the meeting @ 8:39 p.m.

Mr. Matthews seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 3 ayes

Minutes approved by:



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