

Ligonier Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2024

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Strelic called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Michael Strelic Present were Barb Nalle, Michael McCalpin, Sheila Grimm, Thomas Naugle, Chris Hefner, Dan Weimer, Martin Knizner. Also present were Township Manager Michael Strelic, and Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse.

Election of Officers and Organization

A motion was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Sheila Grimm to appoint Barbara Nalle as Chair of the Commission for 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sheila Grimm and seconded by Michael McCalpin to appoint Chris Hefner as Vice-Chair of the Commission for 2024. Motion carried 4-1, with Chris Hefner voting no

A motion was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Michael McCalpin to appoint Sheila Grimm as Secretary of the Commission for 2024. Motion carried 4-1, with Sheila Grimm voting no

Review of Meeting Minutes

Chris Hefner made a motion to accept the November 16, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Sheila Grimm. Motion carried.

Commissioner comments

Martin Knizner introduced himself. Family from Youngwood, he is back in Ligonier with family after 38 years. Now lives

Tom Naugle introduced himself. Born and raised in Ligonier, he is back in Ligonier after living and working in Pittsburgh. Now lives in Waterford.

Public Comment

Deb Messer: Comments about the proposed Retreat Center definition, and posting conditional use applications on Township website.

Old Business

Zoning Code updates. Supervisors had comments during their Board meeting on Tuesday, and those have been passed along to the Planning Commission. Commission will review the comments, and discuss and review at the next meeting. Zoning Officer Krouse will put together a rough draft incorporating potential changes, which the Commission can review at their next meeting.

Chris Hefner makes motion to have a half hour work session prior to next meeting to discuss Supervisors concerns, and Zoning Officer Krouse's rough draft of updates. Sheila Grimm seconds. Motion carries

New Business

Reba Graham Plan. No new lots are being created. A landlocked lot is becoming a flag lot. Existing nonconformities become less nonconforming. No new nonconformities are created. A driveway is being added. The sewage enforcement officer reviewed and signed off. Motion made to recommend to Supervisors, made by Sheila Grimm, Michael McCalpin seconds. Motion carries.

Benedum Estate Plan. The majority of it is within Cook Township. As such, we do not currently have drawings to sign. Portion of property within Ligonier is completely vacant land. The sewage enforcement officer reviewed, and has no role. Motion made to recommend to Supervisors, made by Chris Hefner, Sheila Grimm seconds. Motion carries.

Correspondence –none

General Concerns/Comments

Barbara Nalle requests a review of the comprehensive plan. Comprehensive plan should be “reinvigorated.” Contact the Borough, and work with them on it. Things came to a standstill when Covid hit.

Barbara Nalle commented that what the Planning Commission does is totally transparent. The proposed zoning ordinance is available on the website.

Adjourn

Chris Hefner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael McCalpin. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.