

Ligonier Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2022

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Barb Nalle called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Sheila Grimm. Present were Barb Nalle, James Darr, Sheila Grimm, Daniel Weimer, Michael McCalpin, Susan McBroom, Mickey, Corb, Scott Gongaware, Supervisor John Beaufort, and Michael Strelic

Review of Meeting Minutes

Sheila Grimm made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, seconded by Susan McBroom. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Old Business – Update on Dollar General. All permits issued. Unknown if property transaction has occurred.

New Business

- List of areas in the zoning code that need updated.
 - Update from Scott Gongaware, regarding Zoning Hearing Board concern with approving billboard on 271. General objectives do not match specific provisions in zoning code. Concern about too many billboards, without enough restrictions on things like lighting. No specificity on number of lumens. Discussion about advertising billboards versus identification signs. Can the Township restrict to local businesses only? Perhaps the Commission should address additional issues, not just signage – being proactive, not just reactive. For example: tiny houses, marijuana dispensaries, non-conforming lots (on zoning map). Discussion about best practices, and language in zoning codes of other municipalities.
 - Motion made to recommend the board of supervisors impose a moratorium of new billboards, subject to a legal opinion. Made by Sheila Grimm, seconded by Susan McBroom, motion passes unanimously.

- Letter of support for the township's 2023 CDBG application.
 - Motion to support this letter. Sheila Grimm makes motion, Susan McBroom seconds. Motion carries.

Correspondence – Zoning Hearing Board letter, regarding billboard(s). Already covered.

General Concerns/Comments

Tiny houses. People are interested in buying property, or subdividing, and creating tiny houses. Current code may not cover this topic.

Adjourn

Sheila Grimm made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan McBroom. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.