

Minutes  
REORGANIZATION OF THE LIGONIER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD  
January 17, 2023

The meeting January 17, 2023 will be called to order by Michael Strelac, Township Manager and Acting Zoning Officer of Ligonier Township.

Present are Zoning Hearing Board members Scott Gongaware, Doug Kurtz, and Jim Stewart.

**Election of Officers and Organization:**

A motion was made by Doug Kurtz and seconded by Jim Stewart to appoint Scott Gongaware as Chair of the Board for 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Scott Gongaware and seconded by Jim Stewart to appoint Doug Kurtz as Vice Chair of the Board for 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Scott Gongaware and seconded by Doug Kurtz to appoint Jim Stewart as Secretary of the Board for 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Scott Gongaware and seconded by Doug Kurtz to appoint Mark Sorice as Solicitor of the Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried 3-0.

The board confirmed the meeting date and time at 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**Public Comment**

None

**Chair/Board Comments**

Jim Stewart offered, in deference to seniority, to step down as Secretary and let Ed Oles serve as officer.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Chair/Board comments**

Discussion about permitting in the Township. It is not clear to new owners that there is permitting in the Township. The Township should do a better job getting the word out, that zoning and building permits are needed for any construction.

Discussion about the zoning review being undertaken by the Planning Commission. The Zoning Hearing Board brought this up because of the billboard they had to approve.

Discussion about the vacant fifth board member. Linda McDowell resigned at the end of December, and no replacement has been appointed. The Board of Supervisors will make the final appointment, per state law, but the Zoning Hearing Board can recommend an appointee.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Scott Gongaware and seconded by Jim Stewart to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.