Harrison Township Zoning Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2022

Chairman Kelly Spriggs called the Regular Zoning Commission Meeting of November 14, 2022 to order at 6:05pm at the Harrison Township Fire Department, 3625 State Route 752, Ashville, Ohio 43103. Attending was Kelly Spriggs, Ronde Cook-Brushart, Lisa Darnell, and Sara LeMaster. Absent was Brock Riley and Jared Conner. Trustee Jim Deal was present as a visitor, as well as Holly Mattei from Crossroads Community Planning.

Minutes from the September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting were sent via email to all members prior to the meeting. Ronde Cook-Brushart moved to accept the minutes as written and Lisa Darnell seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:
Old business discussion will be postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 9, 2023, so the zoning inspector can be present to discuss those items and his findings.

New Business:
The Harrison Township Zoning Board will still meet every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November) in the year 2023, at 6:00pm. The Board of Zoning Appeals will begin meeting on an as needed basis. Meetings will be posted on the website.

Holly Mattei from Crossroads Community Planning was introduced by Trustee Jim Deal. She was present to discuss the current zoning code revisions and presented the board with a diagnostic report. Holly went over the diagnostic report, stating that it takes about 3 drafts/1 year and she suggested that a steering committee would be helpful to review the draft rather than the full Zoning Commission. The steering committee would be composed of Holly, 2 Zoning Commission members, 2 BZA members, a Trustee, and 1 or 2 residents of Harrison Township.

The board discussed how they receive a great amount of pushback when development in the JEDD/RBD is presented. The residents feel they have no voice or choice in the recommendation the zoning board makes to the Trustees. Holly then asked about the board's communication with the JEDD board but there is little communication between the two boards.

Ronde Cook-Brushart moved to adjourn the meeting and Kelly Spriggs seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.