



The regular meeting of the Rootstown Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Troy Cutright  
Jennifer Milnes  
Gary Slocum

Absent:

Derek Ball  
Robert Stefanik  
Patricia Saillant

Also in Attendance:

Assistant Zoning Inspector, Jordan Michael  
Joe Paulus, Trustee  
Cynthia Porter, Zoning Secretary

Mr. Cutright called the meeting to order.

Zoning Secretary began by taking nominations for Chairperson. Jennifer Milnes nominated Troy Cutright and Gary Slocum seconded. Nominations were closed. Vote to approve as follows: Gary Slocum – yea; Jennifer Milnes – yea; Troy Cutright agreed to accept.

Nominations were taken for Vice-Chair. Jennifer Milnes nominated Gary Slocum seconded by Troy Cutright. Gary did not accept. Gary Slocum nominated Derek Ball. Jennifer questioned nominating those not present. Troy Cutright nominated Jennifer Milnes and Gary Slocum seconded. Nominations were closed. Vote to approve as follows: Gary Slocum – yea; Troy Cutright – yea. Jennifer Milnes agreed to accept.

It was agreed to keep meetings the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All agreed.

The minutes for the October 20, 2015 meeting were journalized.

New Business:

Jordan passed out replacement updates for the Zoning book.

On Behalf of the Trustees Joe Paulus thanked the Zoning Board for their service and for those who decided to renew their terms.

Troy Cutright's term expires at the end of this year. Should he decide to continue he will serve another (5) year term.

Joe Paulus questioned whether two alternates were needed? It was agreed to only one was needed.

Joe gave an update on the Community Advisory Committee and the progress the committee is making.

On the horizon is Comfort Suites Hotel which will be located behind Cracker Barrel. The Hotel Developer may need to apply for a few variances according to the plan that was sent.

There are possibilities of other places coming in but nothing definite. Winking Lizard, Star Bucks, Chipotle, and a rental business. These will be taxable enterprises.

The Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) is moving along. Joe explained it's a way for Townships to gain revenue through income tax. The location will be from Tallmadge Road to Rosalind Drive to Loretta Drive to the center of Rootstown, up Route 44 corridor heading to Ravenna, Lynn Road and the industrial parkway. Those working inside this district area will pay income tax. Low income can apply for the taxes to be refunded to them.

Once the JEDD gets more concrete information by flyers will be sent out by mail to help those get a better understanding.

The JEDD money will also help the school should they relocate and help free up money for the Township to use in economic development.

The JEDD Board will be its own entity once formed and will be accountable to the State, Joe believes. The board will consist of (5) members which will be appointed as follows:

- 1 Township
- 1 Representative of the businesses in the JEDD
- 1 Representative of the employees within the JEDD
- 1 Municipality
- 1 Chosen by the first four members

It hasn't been confirmed and is being investigated of the possibility that Schumann's Towing added an impound lot.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn seconded by Troy Cutright.

Troy Cutright, Chairman  
Rootstown Zoning Board of Appeals

Cynthia Porter, Zoning Secretary  
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