

The regular meeting of the ROOTSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Rootstown Town Hall.

Those present:

Troy Cutright
Patricia Saillant
James Manion
Derek Ball
Jennifer Milnes
Gary Slocum

Those absent:

Also in attendance:

Assistant Zoning Inspector, Van Black
ZBA Secretary, Mary Ann Greer

Mr. Cutright called the meeting order.

Mr. Cutright turned the meeting over to Mary Ann Greer, Secretary.

The Secretary asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairperson for 2014. Mrs. Saillant nominated Troy Cutright for Chairperson. Ms. Milnes seconded it. Mr. Cutright accepted it. The motion carried by a vote of 4 Ayes with Mr. Cutright abstaining.

The Secretary asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice-Chairperson for 2014. Mr. Manion nominated Patricia Saillant for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Ball seconded it. Mrs. Saillant accepted it. The motion carried by a vote of 4 Ayes with Mrs. Saillant abstaining.

The meeting was then turned over to the newly reappointed Chairperson, Troy Cutright.

Next was the formality of setting the time and day for the monthly Zoning Board of Appeals meetings.

Resolution ZBA 2014-001. Mr. Cutright made a motion to keep the meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Saillant seconded it. A vote was taken with all ayes. The motion carried unanimously (5/0).

Mr. Cutright asked Mr. Gary Slocum, alternate Board member, to tell the Board a little about himself. Mr. Slocum introduced himself to the Board members and secretary. He said he was a retired school business administrator, worked part time doing school architecture. His wife taught at the Rootstown high school for 20-25 years. Both of my kids graduated from here. He lives on Marks Avenue.

Mr. Cutright asked Mr. Paulus if the Trustees had appointed a new Zoning Inspector. Mr. Paulus said they were interviewing for that position and would decide at the next meeting. There was one from Ravenna that looked good and could hit the ground running.

A discussion was held on variances items that were not completely spelled out in the Zoning Code Book (like refunds). Mrs. Saillant stated that the Board cannot vote on certain items if they are not in the book. Mr. Paulus said the Zoning Commission had just finalized the code book with Regional Planning. The Board members will be getting new Zoning Code Books.

There was a question about the hours the new Zoning Inspector would be working. Mr. Cutright asked if Van Black would still be working. Mr. Paulus said that once the new Zoning Inspector was up to speed both Van and Jim Mahood would be let go.

Mr. Cutright asked if the Trustees would be helping the Board members with continuing education. He also asked if there would be a joint meeting. Mr. Paulus said there would be a joint meeting probably in March.

Mr. Slocum asked about Regional Planning. Mr. Paulus updated him on what they do. They go by the Ohio State Code requirements. They make sure that things are legal. Rootstown does not belong to it but can use it on hourly bases if necessary.

Ms. Milnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Saillant seconded it. Mr. Cutright adjourned the meetings.

Troy Cutright, Chairperson
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Mary Ann Greer, Secretary BZA
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