



The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at Rootstown Town Hall.

Present: George Tishma  
Rob Swauger  
Steve Brown  
Theresa Summers

Also present:  
Trustee Joe Paulus  
Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak  
Zoning Assistant Jordan Michael

Audience: Roger Carpenter

Zoning Commission Secretary, Jordan Michael, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked everyone to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jordan asked for a nomination for chairperson. George Tishma made a motion to nominate Rob Swauger as chairperson. Steve Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously and Rob accepted the nomination.

Jordan asked for a nomination for vice chairperson. Rob made a motion to nominate George as vice chair. Theresa Summers seconded the motion. George accepted the nomination and the motion was passed unanimously.

Rob asked if all members had a chance to read the minutes from the previous month. George made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Theresa seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

There was no other old business so Rob asked for new business. The date and time of meetings was discussed. It was suggested that the group move its meetings to a Tuesday to fall on the same day of the week as other township meetings. The group had been meeting on Mondays to accommodate Karen Henry, who resigned from the rest of her term. Theresa said she would be about ten minutes late to Tuesday night meetings. Rob said that

was okay. George made a motion for the Zoning Commission to hold its regular meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, starting in February. Steve seconded the motion. Rob asked Jordan to take roll call. The vote was as follows: Rob- yes, George- yes, Theresa- yes, Steve- yes. The motion was passed 4-0.

Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak asked the commission if anyone was aware of Bonnie's Home Health Care on New Milford Road. From what he and Jordan could find in the zoning files, there was never any approval for them to operate a business there. Now there is building going on without a permit, and they've been sent a violation. Rob said they had been there at least since he moved to Rootstown in 1998. Jordan said their most recent appeal happened around 2000 but was denied.

Rob said that NEOMed and the JEDD exploratory committee were looking at properties on State Route 44 that should be rezoned to commercial. It was agreed that even if the land was rezoned, NEOMed can take ownership and apply for a tax-exemption, so the rezoning may not be worth doing. Theresa asked if a university district could be created around the college.

Rob said he wanted to make sure the new hotel was in a location that complied with zoning. Jordan said that it is.

Rob asked Jordan to make copies of the zoning map. George made a motion for Jordan to make ten copies of the zoning district map. Steve seconded the motion. The motion was passed 4-0.

Theresa asked if the commission can set up a monthly meeting agenda. This is so they aren't blindsided when people show up to meetings. Joe said that will do more harm than good, because people will get upset if they don't follow the agenda, and it will cause even more problems.

Rob asked if Regional Planning can contact the zoning commission. Joe said Regional Planning should be contacting Rob instead of Jordan. Jordan said he would tell Todd Peetz to send his emails to Rob from now on.

George made the motion to adjourn. Steve seconded and the motion was passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Rob Swauger, Chair  
Rootstown Township Zoning Commission