

Sandstone Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 2, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Chris Crisenbery, Peggy Eiler, Blaine Goodrich, Cheryl Marks

GUESTS: Chris Atkin, Ken Powers, Trevin and Heather Fisher

Vice Chairman Crisenbery, acting as chair in the excused absence of Chairman Greg Inosencio, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the township hall.

Peggy Eiler moved to approve the agenda as written. Blaine supported the motion. Motion passed. Cheryl Marks moved to approve the minutes as written of the Special May 23, 2017 meeting. Peggy Eiler supported the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Fishers of 4001 N. Dearing Rd. spoke about their frustration with their neighbor and the fence she installed on the property line, just at the line. Ken Powers met with the neighbor to reduce the height to meet the ordinance. Their continued concern is the various colors of the fence sections. It is an eyesore to them. They do not want to have to spend money to put up a fence/landscape just to hide her mismatched fencing. They claim it is a personal "vendetta" with them. The problems have been going on since they bought the 1-acre property in 2010. They asked if an ordinance existed to deal with this concern. Our consultant read Ordinance 5.2 A and B, but it does not really address their issue. It could be possible considered a visual nuisance. Color would be hard to enforce. Even if we created a new ordinance it would not be retroactive to their issue. We suggested various solutions. Perhaps Keith Acker the supervisor could talk to the neighbor lady. Ken Powers has already handled the height issue, which the lady had her son take care of when it was brought to her attention. We suggest a diplomatic approach and common sense solutions. We have limited ability to do much but we can put the topic of Fences on our agenda for the next meeting.

Chris Crisenbery called the PUBLIC HEARING portion of our meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. We had all read the new/changed sign ordinance language already since the topic has been ongoing for months. No public comment. Chris Crisenbery moved to close the hearing at 6:31 p.m. Cheryl Marks supported the motion. Motion passed. The hearing closed at 6:31 p.m. In the discussion portion of the meeting Blaine Goodrich inquired about political signs. Chris Atkin touched on content neutral language being required and that a political sign would have to meet the yard sign language requirements in the ordinance. The packet was very lengthy and detailed for legal reasons and is on file in the township office.

Blaine Goodrich moved to recommend to the township board approval of the Amended Section 2.1 Definitions-Add sign types and definitions and to Amend Article 9 as published and distributed. Cheryl Marks supported the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Blaine Goodrich expressed his frustration with notifications and changing meeting dates. Cheryl Marks concurred. We hope to discuss fences at the next meeting. We want to be sure farmers in Agricultural districts would not be impacted with any new regulations. We all agreed the next meeting date is October 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Chris Crisenbery moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Blaine Goodrich supported the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Marks-Secretary

