

Chester Township Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

| Wednesday, July 5, 2023 7:00 PM |

Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Oswick at: 7:05 pm

Members present: Mr. Chess, Mr. Kats, Mr. Oswick, Mr. Peto

Members absent: Mr. Lauro, Mr. Nastasi

Admin present: Ms. McCarthy

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Oswick led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting as presented.
Moved by Mr. Peto; Seconded by Mr. Kats
Mr. Chess/yes; Mr. Kats/yes; Mr. Lauro/absent; Mr. Nastasi/absent; Mr. Oswick/yes;
Mr. Peto/yes
Motion passed
- Motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2023 – tabled to next meeting. Necessary quorum needed for approval.

Board of Trustees response to Supplementary Conditions on variances

The Board of Trustees agreed with the Geauga County Planning Commission's proposed change to the Geauga County Model Zoning regarding Board of Zoning Appeals ability to place supplementary conditions on submitted variances. This proposed Zoning Resolution change will be discussed and finalized at the next ZC meeting and moved forward.

Discussion on Signage

Discussion of needs of Chester residents and businesses for signage. Brainstorming ways to solicit information from all Chester residents on appearance of signs. Thoughts included open forums to vocalize their needs and/or concerns.

Four kinds of signs identified for examination: Digital, wayfinding, mobile (ie-on vehicles) and billboards. (Concern about allowing digital signs may affect the billboard.) Trying to determine if any of these types of signs need to be adjusted in the Zoning Resolution. Will reach out to Zoning Inspector for help identifying most prominent requests for signs and any issues being faced by the Zoning Inspector.

Swimming Pool Covers

Swimming pool covers and the safety of all Chester residents continues to be a concern for ZC members. Several board members had asked about viability of pool covers and protecting the safety of a residential swimming pool. Mr. Kats showed a video of himself walking on an automated pool cover. Open discussion of strengths and weaknesses of securing a pool in this manner continued.

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Parks as a Potential Zoning District

Currently, the township does not have a zoning district for active or passive parks. In looking at the other townships in Geauga County, many of them have identified a park district. If a park district is formed, members would like to see how this would affect the Chester Township Zoning Map. A map showing parks will be made available to ZC members at next meeting.

Meeting Called to Close at: 7:55 pm

Approved by:

Chester Township Zoning Commission August 2, 2023

Final Review by: _____
Jon Oswick, Chair