

Chester Township Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

| Wednesday, July 19, 2023 7:00 PM |

Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Nastasi at: 7:23 pm

Members present: Mr. Chess, Mr. Nastasi, Mr. Peto*

Members absent: Mr. Kats, Mr. Lauro, Mr. Oswick

Admin present: Ms. McCarthy

*Mr. Peto will be a voting member at this meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2023 – tabled to next meeting. Necessary quorum needed for approval.
- Motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2023 – tabled to next meeting. Necessary quorum needed for approval.

Supplementary Conditions on Variances Amendment review

Mr. Nastasi read the proposed Amendment into the record for Board discussion. The proposed Zoning Resolution change was discussed and the Zoning Commission agreed to move forward.

Mr. Peto moved to adopt the following motion – (Form 22); seconded by Mr. Nastasi

“That an amendment to the Chester Township Zoning Resolution, identified as number Z-2023-1 consisting of one page, marked Exhibit A and attached hereto and incorporated herein as though fully rewritten, be hereby initiated by the Chester Township Zoning Commission this 19th day of July, 2023.”

Mr. Chess/yes; Mr. Kats/absent; Mr. Lauro/absent; Mr. Nastasi/yes; Mr. Oswick/absent; Mr. Peto/yes

Mr. Peto moved to adopt the following motion – (Form 27); seconded by Mr. Chess

“That the Chester Township Zoning Commission conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment, identified as number Z-2023-1 to the Chester Township Zoning Resolution as attached hereto on the 16th day of August, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall.”

Mr. Chess/yes; Mr. Kats/absent; Mr. Lauro/absent; Mr. Nastasi/yes; Mr. Oswick/absent; Mr. Peto/yes

Ms. McCarthy read the form Notice of a Public Hearing – (Form 29)

“Move to approve public noticing the public hearing for Z-2023-1 of the Chester Township Zoning Resolution in the Legal Notices of the Chesterland News print edition on August 2,

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2023 and the Geauga County Maple Leaf print edition on August 3, 2023 and to have the amendment available for public examination at the Chester Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from July 20, 2023 through the end of all Public Hearings 2023.

Zoning Commission members present signed (Form 30) below

“The Chester Township Zoning Commission hereby submits the attached copy of the motion for a proposed amendment, identified as number Z-2023-1 to the Chester township Zoning Resolution together with the attached text pertaining thereto to the Geauga County Planning Commission this 20th day of July, 2023.

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 DRAFT map showing parks will be made available to ZC members at next meeting.

Signage

Members discussed ways to reach out to the business community seeking opinions/needs of the community and what they would like to see moving forward.

The usefulness of monument signs was discussed again. Ways to effectively communicate to people as they drive down the road that they have reached their destination need to be discovered. Mr. Nastasi agreed to write a letter to the professional planner who may be able to help with possible future signage changes in the Zoning Resolution.

Meeting Called to Close at: 8:21 pm

Approved by:

Chester Township Zoning Commission August 2, 2023

Final Review by: _____
Jon Oswick, Chair