

# **Chester Township Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**| Wednesday, November 15, 2023 7:00 PM |**

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Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Oswick at: 7:02 pm

Members present: Mr. Chess, Mr. Lauro, Mr. Nastasi, Mr. Oswick

Members absent: Mr. Kats, Mr. Peto

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 November 1, 2023 as presented.  
Moved by Mr. Lauro; Seconded by Mr. Oswick  
Mr. Chess/yes; Mr. Kats/absent; Mr. Lauro/yes; Mr. Nastasi/yes; Mr. Oswick/yes;  
Mr. Peto/absent

## **Trustee Mazzurco Visit**

Trustee Mazzurco joined the ZC for group discussion. Talked about need for signage being updated in the Zoning Resolution. Asked the group to look at other communities to see what they are doing and how it is working out for them.

Group discussion on need to get focus on work to be completed and by when. Group feels that a refocus is necessary as we move into winter. New, prospective Zoning Inspector will be meeting with Board of Trustees on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Decision made after that. Group reinforced need for full time Zoning Inspector.

Andy Chess made note that he likes the minutes being sent out from all three Boards, (Board of Trustees, Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission).

Mr. Mazzurco would like the group to produce a new "To-Do" list. Asked the ZC members to consider visiting the BoT once a month with progress updates.

Signage discussion continued with group concern that we are so far behind on signage that we need a jumpstart. Need help with electronic, political and temporary signs. Group feels this is bigger than we can handle.

Mr. Nastasi distributed a Proposed Draft Action Plan for amending the signage section of the Zoning Resolution (attached) which he suggested starting in the Commercial District. Group discussion followed. Starting with Electronic Reader Boards was suggested. Group will need help with things like lumen levels. Suggestions for a priority list of things to tackle first – building signs, wayfinding, monument signs...

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Mr. Mazzurco suggested bringing in someone from a local community and find out how they tackled signage and what changes were made to their Zoning Resolution. The Zoning Commission updated Mr. Mazzurco with the work the group had already completed researching neighboring townships and their signage regulations. The ZC members felt it was now an appropriate time to bring in some additional legal assistance. Bainbridge Twp. may be a good resource as they had recently completed a Zoning Resolution amendment to the Signage section. Group asked for local, outside help be invited in to speak with them. Mr. Mazzurco will see what he can do for either of the December meetings.

Benefits of a five-year follow up survey to the community discussed. Should come from the Board of Trustees. Mr. Mazzurco brought up need for updated Land Use Plan.

**Meeting Called to Close at:** 8:29 pm

Approved by:

Chester Township Zoning Commission December 20, 2023

Final Review by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jon Oswick, Chair