

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met in special session **Monday, January 8, 2024** in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Craig Richter presided. Administrator Purchase was appointed Clerk pro tem.

Roll Call: present: Mr. Richter, Mr. Mazzurco, Mr. Radtke
absent: Mrs. Jarrett

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Board led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Leading Motion #: 2024-9

Topic for Discussion: Park Amendment

Mr. Richter began stating that after last week's meeting, discussion with several residents, and possible issues with the potential amendment, there are options for the Board to consider.

- 1) Move forward with the amendment as-is.
- 2) Amend the amendment adding the zoning map reflecting the Parks (Chester and Geauga County).
- 3) Rescind the amendment and allow the Zoning Commission to review it in detail.

Mr. Radtke is in favor of rescinding the amendment and allowing the Zoning Commission time to review it. At the next Board of Trustees meeting, Mr. Radtke plans on bringing the topic up and discussing prioritizing of additional projects for the Zoning Commission. Following that meeting, his intention is to attend the Zoning Commission Meeting and share what was discussed at the Board of Trustees Meeting. The time frame regarding the proposed Parks Amendment will be discussed too.

Mr. Petruziello, a resident had questions about the proposed Parks Amendment and the map. Mr. Richter shared that other Townships have Parks that are clearly identified in their zoning resolution and have a map showing all the Parks. Mr. Richter simply wants the green space defined. Mr. Petruziello added there are six (6) County Parks in Chesterland and agreed people in Chesterland want green space.

Mr. Richter shared his personal opinion is that we allow for a deeper dive into the resolution which would have made it four (4) options rather than three (3). This would allow for the results to guide the Township and see if we actually need Parks.

Mrs. Cotman, a resident asked exactly why tonight's meeting was held and what the re-look is for. Mr. Richter replied that it is for the consideration of the Zoning Commission.

2024-9. Mr. Radtke moved to rescind and withdraw Resolution 2023-487.

Mr. Mazzurco Seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes. Motion passed.

A resident questioned if green space in the industrial area will be clearly defined as Parks. Mr. Richter clarified that if referring to Hancock Park, it is currently located in a commercial area and there is a deed restriction on the property. Mr. Richter would like it defined and have it fall under Parks. Mr. Radtke

questioned if it's possible to reference a parcel ID number or if you have to utilize the survey language. Discussion continued.

A suggestion by Mrs. Cotman was to simply write to the Zoning Commission a summary of what was decided. Mr. Radtke agreed.

Mr. Richter suggested pulling out the Zoning Matrix or Priority Matrix and review it at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Mazzurco added at one time the Zoning Commission was attending the Board of Trustees meetings, but for some reason they stopped attending. Mr. Mazzurco reminded everyone that they should continue to work on a project until it is finished. Mr. Richter added that the Zoning Commission is an independent Board and if they feel something is more important, they should bring it to the attention of the Board of Trustees.

Discussion continued over County-owned Parks. Mrs. Cotman suggested that each proposed zoning resolution amendment go through a justification process (proposed language, why, applicability, background, etc.). She provided the Board with a copy of four (4) different amendments and suggested the Board of Trustees do something similar to the samples and recommended forwarding the samples to the Zoning Commission for their review.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Richter adjourned the meeting at 6:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Absent
Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer

January 25, 2024 – motion # 2024-35
Approval Date

Craig Richter, Chairman

Joseph C. Mazzurco, Vice-Chairman

Ken Radtke, Jr., Trustee