

BOSTON TOWNSHIP Zoning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Present: Marty Griffith Linda Littler

Mike Anderson Todd Liebenauer

Zoning Secretary: Laura Brock Zoning Inspector: Pat Ryan

Trustee: Randy Bergdorf Legal Counsel: Al Schrader

Todd called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Todd to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting. Voting: All Yes

Old Business

Mark Majewski AICP with NorthStar Planning & Design LLC returned with revisions for amending the Chapter 12 Sign Regulations. Some highlights include:

- All existing definitions were moved to chapter 2. Several new were proposed to help clarify signage.
- Added section on rights to free speech in 1200 Purpose.
- The Ohio Revised Code is referenced as the standard for the new resolutions.
- Prohibited signs needs more work. Still need to determine a date for an abandoned sign.
- Section 1202 and 1203 have been merged and lengthened. More new sections added.

Mark had a conversation with Ivan Kassovic, representing the CVNP, wanting to know the parks standards for signs. He thought farms, federal tenants and u-pick signs should be kept to township standard, but Ivan would like to see the "Dark Sky Standard" to be in place, meaning little to no light upwards in the public areas and encourage communities to adopt lighting regulations.

There was discussion on architectural signage language under prohibited signs. Under maintenance, Pat thought that any non-structural sign should be labeled as just Temporary. She recommends the current outdoor storage section to include the word indoor and specific language be added to allow only 1 use per parcel in the business district. Under Time Limits for application requirements, it was suggested that the length be extended to 15 days, or the Zoning clerk helps with that responsibility when Zoning Inspector is out. Linda would like to see vehicles with signs in them be addressed in text. The question was raised whether section 1204 allows home occupation signs.

Todd requested several changes to the Zoning Resolution: Structures definition add the words 'Temporary or Permanent'. Make 'Similar Uses' definition the same everywhere it appears. Change 'Outdoor Storage' to just Storage.

Al would like to see Temporary rentals changed to short term rental and state owner must be always present just like the case of a bed and breakfast.

The next update will be submitted for the October 11 meeting. Thank you, Mark.

Randy reminded attendees that technical support is available for the new Outlook email; call Baypointe 330-659-6400.

Zoning Inspector Report

Activities:

- Nick Janigian will be applying for conditional use and a variance for the ZC and BZA meetings in October.
- Matt Zelinski, 2273 Columbia, reapplied after last certificate expired.
- Missed a call from Bob Pruitt, have not gotten back with him yet.
- Lori Young submitted paperwork for compliance permit, waiting on SCBD C of O.
- Told Earth and Wood, 5347 Akron-Cleveland Rd, they did not need a permit for a 22'x27' concrete pad to be located under an existing material enclosure.
- Gabe Herman sent a plan for moving the mound of dirt at the front of property. Forwarded this on to trustees and Boards.

Permits:

- Zelinski permit is ready, waiting for payment of the fee.

Pending issues:

- Brown-Pruitt property (see above)
- 5079 Akron-Cleveland.
- 5096 Akron-Cleveland.
- Do not have a number to contact the owner (Polosky) of 135 Kendall Park in regard to the grass and house.

New Business

Zoning Commission and the BZA intend to publish a chart on our website that contains meeting dates and application deadlines (modeled after Bath Township) so the community can see exactly when they need to submit paperwork for consideration.

Motion by Todd, seconded by Mike, to adopt the Timeline Chart for applications. Voting: all yes.

Next, Trustees need to decide on this.

Motion to adjourn by Linda, Mike seconded at 8:11 pm. Voting: all yes.

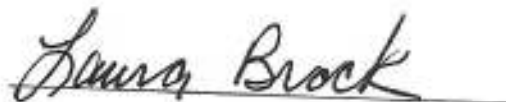
Minutes taken and prepared by Laura Brock.

Approvals:



Todd Liebenauer

Chairperson



Laura Brock

Zoning Secretary