

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Minutes of January 10th, 2017 Meeting

Members Present: Bill Gallaer, Doug Owsley, Christy Overla and Chairman Mark O'Loughlin

Others in Attendance: Connie Swisher and Dana Scott (Zoning Department)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. O'Loughlin called for the approval of the minutes from the December 8th, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Owsley made a motion to approve the minutes. There was a second by Ms. Overla. All members voted in favor to approve.

Old Business: Board Discussion of West Broad Street Corridor Overlay District.

Ms. Swisher discussed upcoming changes such as existing uses of automotive car lots and restrictions. She also discussed the changing of school names to reflect either public or private.

An amendment would be drafted in order to give the area none formally as New Rome would be given an official zoning as GB.

The new architectural standards for the Overlay were discussed with Board Members.

The Board Members expressed concerns about the wording and text in the new overlay documents. Terms and definitions need to be further explained and refined.

The Board discussed changes to signage in the corridor. All new signs would have to be monument style, no LED or free-standing signs in the corridor. Channel letter signs would be required on buildings.

Once again, Board Members had discussions as to meanings and interpretations of text in this section.

Board Members expressed concern that timeframe for Overlay document and changes is too short. More time needed to study this new concept.

Chairman O'Loughlin stated his concern is that we come here every second Tuesday and have very little contact with any of the other people in the Township offices but when we make a decision like on the house that wanted to change over the style (Homes on the Hill) the board didn't like it. So that doesn't happen again, we need to know where they are headed on those kinds of issues. If we are basically the judicial body for these things, we need to know how to apply the law.

New Business: Election of Officers

Chairman – Ms. Overla nominated Mr. O’Loughlin. Second from Mr. Owsley. No other nominations. All in favor. **Mr. O’Loughlin is Chairman**

Vice Chairman – Mr. Gallaer nominated Mr. Owsley. Second from M..Overla. No other nominations. All in favor. **Mr. Owsley is Vice-Chairman.**

Clerk - Ms. Overla nominated Mr. Gallaer. Second from Mr. Owsley. No other nominations. All in favor. **Mr. Gallaer is Clerk.**

Announcements: The next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Jan. 24th at 3:00pm.

The Trustees have invited Zoning Commission and BZA to an open house meeting Feb.1 at 5:30pm.

The Zoning Commission has invited the BZA to their meetings at 7:00pm on Feb. 28th and Mar.28th

Adjournment: 8:05 pm

Submitted by: Bill Gallaer