

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 14, 2018 - SPECIAL MEETING 5:30 PM COMMUNITY CENTER 5955 WEST BROAD STREET, GALLOWAY, OHIO 43119

Chairman Steve Kennedy called this special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, which was posted in three places in the Township, to order on February 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm, with Chairman Steve Kennedy, Vice-Chairman Doug Stormont and Trustee Cathy Schmelzer present. Tracy Hatmaker, Township Administrator, Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector, Dana Scott, Zoning Specialist II, and Alicia Armentrout, Zoning Specialist I were also in attendance (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Kennedy appointed Alicia Armentrout as Fiscal Officer Pro Temp.

Staff Presentation – Connie Swisher

- Ms. Swisher presented the facts on the Amendment to the zoning text (182-RZ-17). The application is one of several strategies in the Township's 2015-2020 Plan to make improvements to the community's gateway
 - New zoning guidelines written in Article 18 will require design standards in the corridor (design standards were explained)
 - An overlay map was describing the four sub-districts was shown
 - Four Sub-Districts were explained (Commercial Gateway, Central Transition, Medical Campus, Western Gateway), and their associated uses
 - Additional graphics were shown how the design standards and orientation standards will create a visible change to the community over time
 - Community workshop hosted in Spring of 2017 to inform public
 - Zoning Boards worked with MKSK and held several joint meetings
- Application was recommended to be approved by Franklin County Planning Commission on December 13, 2017
 - Two stipulations
 1. Prairie Township work with ODOT to ensure appropriate regulation of the public right-of-way
 2. Illustrations are renumbered to reflect accurate chronological order
- Application was recommended to be approved by the Prairie Township Zoning Commission on December 26, 2017
 - Accept recommendation with Franklin County's Stipulation #2

Public Comment

Tracy Hatmaker, Prairie Township Administrator

- Exciting to have this tool to compliment the streetscape improvement along West Broad Street

Steve Kennedy, Prairie Township Trustee

- Thanked the Zoning Board for their time and diligence

Natalie Jennings, resident

- Questioned grandfathering regarding the businesses that are already in the corridor.
 - Ms. Swisher explained how the grandfathering and improvements are being addressed in the Overlay District

Speaking for: None

Speaking against: None

A motion was made by Mr. Stormont to approve 182-RZ-17 as submitted

- Motion was seconded by Ms. Schmelzer
- Roll call votes: Ms. Schmelzer – aye, Mr. Stormont – aye, Mr. Kennedy – aye

Mr. Kennedy closed the public hearing at 5:45pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Chairman Steve Kennedy

Fiscal Officer Pro Temp Alicia Armentrout

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