

**PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES: MAY 22, 2018**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:** Christopher Finn, Chairman; Melvin Jones, Vice-chairman;  
Hulda Moffitt, Secretary; Howard Balzer, Bruce Whyte

**Alternate Members Present:** Kevin Dye

**Staff Present:** Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector  
Dana Scott, Zoning Specialist II  
Alicia Armentrout, Zoning Specialist I

**CALL TO ORDER**

Christopher Finn, Chairman, called the meeting of the Prairie Township Zoning Commission to order at 3pm on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at the Township Hall, 23 Maple Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Finn asked for a motion to approve or correct the minutes for the March 27, 2018, Prairie Township Zoning Commission meeting. (There was no meeting in April.)

Mr. Whyte made a motion to approve the March 27, 2018, meeting minutes as written; motion seconded by Mr. Balzer.

Roll call as follows:

1. Howard Balzer    Aye
2. Hulda Moffitt    Aye
3. Bruce Whyte     Aye
4. Melvin Jones     Aye
5. Christopher Finn Aye

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Upcoming Rezoning Requests

Ms. Swisher said that there are two potential upcoming rezoning requests to be considered by the Zoning Commission.

1. An application to rezone a lot, which is the sole remaining one in Prairie Township located off Trabue Road, near Manor Park Drive, from rural to manufacturing.
2. An application to rezone the residential lot north of Swifty Gas, 300 Hilliard Rome Road, to a business district. The owner replaced the grass on the lot with gravel and is using it to park tanker trucks. In response to the Township's violation letter, the attorney for Swifty Gas visited the zoning office. He informed staff that the owner had enjoined the two lots, and an application for rezoning may be forthcoming.

Upon receipt of the application, following the standard procedure, it will be forwarded to Franklin County for consideration.

In the meantime, the Swifty Gas owner has been asked to remove the gravel and replace it with grass and to put the fence and the shed back up.

### Other Potential Business Items

Ms. Swisher informed Commission members that at the June meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals, a request will be submitted to grant a variance from the provisions of Section 1809, Signs, #1, #2, and #3. This is the first variance requested from the Resolution as required by the West Broad Street Corridor Overlay District. The subject signage is located at 24 South Grener Avenue, the former Jegs West building near the Freeway.

This item may end up being revisited by the Zoning Commission.

Also, a rezoning application from Arrow Roofing & Siding, 116 Norton Road, could become a business item before the Zoning Board. It appears that Arrow is working on the details of the request.

### Next Meeting

Mr. Finn stated that the next meeting of the Prairie Township Zoning Commission will be Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 3pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Prairie Township Zoning Commission, Mr. Finn adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hulda Moffitt, Secretary