

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 23, 2023 - SPECIAL MEETING 5:00 PM, 23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

Trustee Doug Stormont called the special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees to order on August 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, with Trustee Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Rod Pritchard, Township Administrator James Jewell, Road Superintendent Dave McAninch, Zoning Director Dana Scott, Zoning Assistant Alicia Armentrout and Law Director Jenn Huber present.

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Stormont opened the meeting and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board appoint Dave McAninch as Fiscal Officer Pro Tem. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Application No. 187-RZ-23

Ms. Scott shared a presentation on the proposed amendments to numerous sections of the Prairie Township Zoning Resolution. The proposed textual revisions include Section 210; Section 302; Section 303; Section 305; Section 522; Section 568; Section 720; Section 920; Section 922; Section 937; Section 1001; Section 1002; Section 1008; Section 1009; Section 1012; Section 1014; Section 1015; Section 1110; Article 13; Section 1802 Definitions; Section 1809; Section 1813; Article 19; Section 2060; Dimensional Requirements Table 1; Permitted Uses Table 2; Illustrations.

Mr. Pritchard asked a question regarding height requirements with chimneys. A discussion was had about variance requests, consistencies and following the zoning code put in place. Jenn explained making these amendments would lessen the number of variances due to the current code in place being amended.

On June 27, 2023, the Prairie Township Zoning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval with modifications of the Application No. 187-RZ-23. Ms. Scott asked the Board to approve, deny, or adopt with modifications the recommendations from the Prairie Township Zoning Commission, Application No. 187-RZ-23.

Mr. Stormont asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Prairie Township Zoning Commission, Application No. 187-RZ-23; A request to amend numerous sections of the Prairie Township Zoning Resolution, and to enact the appropriate resolution to adopt. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Roll Call Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Mr. Pritchard stated he would like to look at grass and nuisance cases and if communities allow individuals to create urban wildlife habitats. Ms. Huber explained terms could be in the code for situations like these. They would just have to be extremely clear in expectations.

### Application No. 188-RZ-23

Ms. Armentrout introduced Application No. 188-RZ-23. This case is to rezone +/- 12.1 acres of the 41.35 acre property identified as parcel 240-000112 and owned by Braumiller Development LLC, from the high density residential district (R-8) to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow for single-family uses with its own textual requirements.

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Mr. Pritchard asked clarification questions on where parking and reserved open space is located.

Mr. Stormont asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

**Mr. Stormont made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Prairie Township Zoning Commission, Re-Zoning Application No. 188-RA-23; A request to rezone +/- 12.1 acres of the 41.35 acre parcel from the high density residential district (R-8) to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow for single-family residential uses with its own textual requirements and to enact the appropriate resolution to adopt. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Roll Call Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### **Special Meeting Adjournment**

Mr. Stormont declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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Chairman Doug Stormont

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Fiscal Officer Pro Tem Dave McAninch