

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CHESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010, IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

Chair Muehling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Zoning Commissioners present: Chair Muehling, Short, Grimm, Aster, Horn.

Public: Ron Cotman, Cathy Cotman, Ferdl Aster.

Public Input: Mrs. Cotman asked the Zoning Commission about the letter they were to forward to the Board of Trustees regarding Z-2009-2.

Short read the Zoning Commission's suggestions for modifications to be initiated by the Board of Trustees.

Discussion of the minutes dated April 7, 2010. Short moved to approve the minutes dated April 7, 2010, as corrected. Horn seconded. No discussion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Chair Muehling asked the Zoning Commissioners to review the Land Use Plan map to identify existing park properties as to whether or not they were considered active or passive parks.

The Zoning Commission discussed various government owned land on the Land Use Plan map. Some of the various designations for this type of land were: public land, publicly owned land, publicly owned space, public green space.

Some of the properties identified for discussion were: the acreage owned by the County Commissioners near Wilson Mills Road and Heath Road, Metzenbaum Park, Orchard Hills, the Chester School property, the one property owned by the township near the corner of Mulberry Road and SR 306 and the 80+ acres on Chillicothe Road, and the property owned by Russell Township.

Mrs. Cotman suggested the Zoning Commission just deal with what the properties are today.

Short said he will call Dave Dietrich, Planning Director, to see what other townships are doing with such property located in their township.

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Chair Muehling asked the Zoning Commissioners about writing a letter to the Park Board asking them to meet with the Zoning Commission.

Aster feels the Zoning Commission should have a plan in place so when we meet with the Park Board, we know what we are talking about.

Grimm added that the Township Park was donated to the Township and can be used for nothing else. She worries about the purchase of the buildings by the Township. Something could happen to that park land.

Aster said she would really like to know if Burton has special zoning for their Century Village and agreed to research this matter. The Planning Commission should have this information.

Short agreed with Aster that the Planning Commission would have this information regarding who has historical districts in their respective communities.

Chair Muehling said she and the secretary will review all of the research in the Zoning Commission files regarding parks. The Model Zoning is another source to check regarding active and passive zoning.

Mrs. Cotman asked if it is her understanding that the Zoning Commission is going to be preparing a zoning amendment designating park districts, and why?

Chair Muehling said the Board of Trustees has expressed interest and asked the Zoning Commission to research a zoning amendment designating park districts. The request came from Trustee Mike Joyce.

Mr. Cotman added that they attend almost all trustee meetings and never heard this discussed in public session.

Aster said the Zoning Commission had a written request for this information when Pat Mula was a trustee. Every time the Zoning Commission started working on an amendment for park zoning, they were interrupted with other amendment requests from applicants for a zoning change. The Zoning Commission had to stop the park research and go on to the other request brought before them.

Mr. Cotman said the jurisdiction of the Chester Park Commission is only for Parkside. The Board of Trustees had talked about the 80 acres when he was a trustee, and the Board of Trustees asked the Park Commission to present the scope of what they are doing at Parkside.

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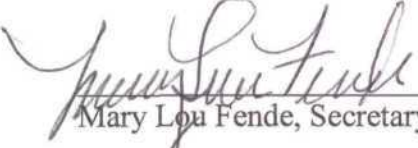
Mrs. Cotman suggested the Board of Trustees, collectively, ask the Zoning Commission and not just one trustee.

Mr. Cotman said the trustees began writing regulations for use of the 80 acres, and the regulations never got implemented. He suggested about a week ago that the "No Trespassing" signs come down so the public could use the property and to provide laminated copies of the rules for using the 80-acre property.

Short said park zoning would be a good thing to look into and do some research.

There being no further business before the Zoning Commission, Chair Muehling adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Lou Fende, Secretary
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Approval Date

Margaret Muehling

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