

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CHESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 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, Horn, Grimm. Aster was absent due to illness.

Public in attendance: Ron and Cathy Cotman arrived later in the meeting.

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

The approval of the minutes dated May 19, 2010, was tabled since Aster's vote is needed to approve said minutes.

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Chair Muehling announced the paperwork the Zoning Commission prepared at the July 7, 2010, meeting had to be rescinded since the date set for the public hearing exceeded the allotted number of days permitted. The new forms will be completed at the August 4, 2010, Zoning Commission meeting. Note: The date for the public hearing had to be set not less than 20 and not more than 40 days from the adoption of such motion. The date the Zoning Commission set was September 1, 2010, which was day #56. The direction for rescinding all of the associated paperwork was confirmed with Geauga County Planning Director David C. Dietrich.

Short moved to rescind Form No. 22 MOTION TO INITIATE AMENDMENT TO CHESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION. Grimm seconded. No discussion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Short moved to rescind Form No. 27 MOTION TO SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION. Horn seconded. No discussion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Short moved to rescind Form No. 29 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MOTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CHESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION. Horn seconded. No discussion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Grimm moved to rescind Form No. 30 TRANSMISSION OF COPY OF MOTION FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING RESOLUTION TOGETHER WITH TEXT PERTAINING THERETO TO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. Short seconded. No discussion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

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Land Use Plan: Short referred to the charts in the Land use Plan that were prepared by the Planning Commission. For purposes of the Land Use Plan, the Zoning Commission has had discussion regarding designating some of the township owned properties as follows: the 80 acre parcel as a passive park, the property at the corner of Mulberry and SR 306 as a passive park, and the Chester School property to be split with the front half of the parcel passive and the back half as active since the baseball fields are located on the back half of the parcel. The Chester Park at the corner of SR 306 and 322 would be designated as an active park.

Question raised from the audience about designating the Chester School property as a park. There are two baseball fields there, and there was never any discussion by the trustees about the area being a park. What about the baseball fields at the two elementary schools?

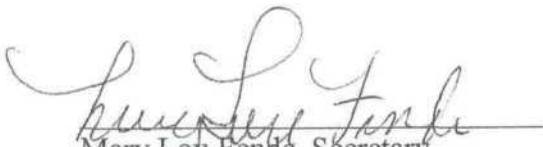
Short said all of the areas in the township are designated as something in the Land Use Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the designations of the following properties: Metzenbaum Park, Sunnybrook, Orchard Hills, the county-owned property on Wilson Mills Road and the Mayer property on Sperry Road. The Mayer property is owned by the Land Conservancy, which is private.

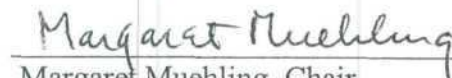
All Zoning Commissioners concur to write a letter to the Board of Trustees requesting the trustee's input regarding the intended uses for the Chester School property, the 80 acres, and the Hancock Memorial property in order for the Zoning Commission to designate the aforementioned parcels for the purpose of the Chester Township Land Use Plan.

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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8-4-10  
Approval Date

  
Margaret Muehling, Chair