

**KINGSTON TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
2ND QUARTER MEETING
MAY 3, 2023**

Approved: August 2, 2023

DATE: May 3, 2023

LOCATION: Kingston Township Hall
TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 7:09 PM by Chairman Filbert

MEMBERS PRESENT:	(CHECK ONE)		
GROVE	YES	X	NO
FILBERT	YES	X	NO
GIFFIN	YES	X	NO
STROHM	YES	X	NO
WHITE	YES		NO X
SMITH, ALTERNATE	YES	X	NO
			Voting Member For This Meeting
WILLYERD	YES	X	NO
STITES	YES	X	NO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Filbert asked members if they had any comments or corrections regarding the Special Meeting Minutes dated April 3, 2023. After discussion, Vice-Chair Strohm made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Grove and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Trustee Public Hearing regarding the Amended Comprehensive Plan was held on May 2, 2023, 7:00 pm at the Township Hall ahead of their Monthly Trustee Meeting. There was no public comment regarding the plan, and the Trustees approved the plan unanimously by Resolution 23-05-01.

Members were informed that the Amended Comprehensive Plan went into effect immediately as there is no referendum period. They were also advised that the document would be taken to Ohio Wesleyan University for printing, and copies would be distributed at the next Zoning Commission Meeting.

ZONING REPORT:

Zoning Inspector Dave Willyerd covered highlights of Zoning Activity for the months of February through April including number of permits issued, complaints and unpermitted structure activity.

He apprised Members that at their May Monthly Meeting the Trustees interviewed two applicants for the Zoning Secretary/Assistant Zoning Inspector vacancy including Henry Smith and Bernie Cattrell. There was no selection made at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Filbert updated Members regarding regulatory authority for solar projects under 50 megawatts contained in State House Bill 501. Specifically, the change to law allows the board of trustees to regulate the location, erection, construction, reconstruction, change, alteration, maintenance, removal, use or enlargement of any small solar facility, whether publicly or privately owned, or the use of land for the purpose. The Ohio Township Association has provided a Small Solar Zoning Resolution template that will be discussed at the next Zoning Commission Meeting.

Members also discussed the existing authority of County Commissioners to block out sections of their County prohibiting solar and wind farms. This matter has been discussed with the Kingston Township Trustees several time, and there is no current issue to pursue restricting sections of Kingston Township.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business for discussion, Chairman Filbert made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Giffin and was approved unanimously.

TIME: 8:00 PM

SUMBITTED BY:

Recorded and submitted by Dave Stites, Zoning Secretary.