

**KINGSTON TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

APPROVED: May 16, 2012

DATE: February 15, 2012
LOCATION: Kingston Township Hall
TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM by Chairman Filbert

MEMBERS PRESENT:	(CHECK ONE)
GROVE	YES X NO
FILBERT	YES X NO
GIFFIN	YES X NO
STROHM	YES X NO
TALBOTT	YES X NO
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PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENT:

Big Walnut School Board Superintendent Steve Mazzi and Board Member Verna Hines attended the meeting to provide a status update on the school district, and to introduce Mrs. Hines as the liaison to maintain lines of communication between the school board and Kingston Township regarding development impacts. Mrs. Hines was welcomed by the Zoning Commission. Mr. Mazzi indicated that the old Galena School Building has deteriorated to the point that it will be sold, and the district administrative offices along with all fifth and sixth graders will be moved into the old Middle School Building. This building had been closed with the opening of two new school buildings. He indicated that minimal additional staff will be required to maintain the building, and the move creates class room openings in multiple buildings for future expansion. He also indicated that district personnel funding will become “tight” at the end of 2013-2014, and that the school board plans on handling the situation utilizing attrition funding as positions become vacant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Filbert asked members if they had any comments or corrections regarding the December 21 Meeting Minutes. After discussion, Member Strohm made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Giffin and was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members were informed that Lamar Outdoor Advertising on behalf of Becker Farms has submitted a Variance request (sign size and distance from inhabited buildings) to reconstruct a billboard located in a farm field on the west side of I-71 and south of Kilbourne Road. The public hearing has been set for Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 7:00pm at the Kingston Township Hall.

ZONING REPORT:

The December 2011 and January 2012 Zoning Reports to the Trustees *referenced as Item 1* were distributed. Zoning Inspector Talbott advised Members that on February 7, 2012, the Trustees approved a temporary driveway off Wilson Road in Kingston Township to access four model

homes being built in conjunction with the development of 10 building lots and internal roadways being built in Berkshire Township. He also informed Members about several complaints received concerning junk motor vehicles at a residence on Carter's Corner Road, and that the Trustees instructed the Zoning Office to send a friendly notice letter to the property owner requesting voluntary removal or screening of the vehicles.

Members were briefed on the current vacancies on the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. No applications were received for the vacancies upon expiration of the posted position advertisement. On February 7, 2012, the Trustees authorized an open posting of the positions until all three are filled. Members were advised that currently only about 35% of township residents receive the Kingston News by mailing or e-mail. This matter was brought to the attention of the Trustees on February 7, 2012 who agreed that a onetime mass mailing of the newsletter should be done to encourage residents to sign up to receive a copy each month by electronic mail. Trustee Akers is spearheading the issue. Finally, Members were informed that an article will be appearing in the March Kingston News asking residents to share old photos of people, places, natural resources, events, etc. within the township for future displays and historic reference.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members were provided a copy of a recent publication from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding the Interstate 71-US36/SR37 Ramp Study *referenced as Item 2*. Zoning Inspector Talbott briefly summarized report findings and the conclusion recommending that future ramp be installed to the south of the intersection. He also distributed a recent news article detailing incremental Interstate 71-US36/SR37 ramp improvements to be made by ODOT in 2012 *referenced as Item 3*. Zoning Secretary Stites discussed several news articles regarding recent approvals of wind turbine farms within Ohio along with the wind generation map detailing optimum locations within the state *referenced as Item 4*. A brief discussion of each item was held in regard to impacts upon Kingston Township.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS: **None**

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Giffin made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Member Strohm and was unanimously approved.

TIME: **8:14 PM**

SUBMITTED BY:

Recorded and submitted by Dave Stites, Zoning Secretary.