

**KINGSTON TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Approved: April 3, 2023

DATE: February 1, 2023

LOCATION: Kingston Township Hall

TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01PM by Vice Chair Strohm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(CHECK ONE)

GROVE	YES	X	NO		
FILBERT	YES		NO	X	
GIFFIN	YES	X	NO		
STROHM	YES	X	NO		
WHITE	YES	X	NO		
SMITH, ALTERNATE	YES	X	NO		Voting Status
WILLYERD	YES		NO	X	
STITES	YES	X	NO		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chair Strohm asked members if they had any comments or corrections regarding the November 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Secretary Stites pointed out that two corrections were required. First, Vice Chair Strohm should be shown as absent and that Alternate Smith should be shown with Voting Status. After discussion and with no further corrections, Member White made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Giffin and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

As was instructed, Secretary Stites gathered final comments regarding the Vision Statement and Comprehensive Plan and forwarded to Scott Sanders for incorporation and production of the final draft Comprehensive Plan. Once corrected, the plan was then forwarded to Assistant Prosecutor Vince Villio for review.

Members discussed an email received from Chairman Filbert pointing out an additional typographical error on Page 50. Member Giffin discussed two additional errors found on Pages 18 and 28. Secretary Stites was instructed to contact Scott Sanders for error correction and production of the final draft Comprehensive Plan and Map.

A draft Overview was presented by Secretary Stites for discussion. The points contained in the document highlighted the work down by the Zoning Commission to update the Comprehensive Plan. Each point was discussed, and one additional point was added regarding the density consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Resolution. With the addition, the

Overview was approved by Members for use during the Zoning Commission Public Hearing and when presenting the Plan to the Trustees.

Secretary Stites then presented two Resolutions to Members for discussion. Resolution 23-02-01 would set and advertise a Public Hearing and activate Regional Planning Commission review. Resolution 23-02-02 would be used to present the Plan and Map to the Trustees recommending approval. Members were advised that neither document had been through legal review. Member Grove made a motion to adopt and sign Resolution 23-02-01. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Strohm and unanimously approved by role call vote. The Resolution was signed pending legal review.

Members discussed the ORC Zoning Change/Amendment Flow Chart which outlines necessary steps and mandatory time requirements regarding Zoning Commission actions. A tentative timeline was established for each step in the process. Members felt that this meeting should be continued to February 6, 2023 at 7pm so legal review of both Resolutions could take place. Secretary Stites was instructed to forward the Resolutions for legal review.

ZONING REPORT:

In the absence of Zoning Inspector Willyerd, Secretary Stites provided Members with the 2022 Zoning Summary and discussed permits, complaints, subdivisions, board meetings, newsletters and the Resident Preference Survey.

Members discussed the legal action being taken by the Attorney General's Office regarding the Renergy Biodigester in Morrow County, whether the operation was agricultural in nature i.e. exempt from zoning regulation, commercial (for profit) and whether township authority for protection of health, safety and welfare could establish authority to regulate. The court case will certainly clarify the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

FOLLOW UP ITEMS:

Zoning Secretary Stites was instructed to post the final draft Comprehensive Plan and Map on the Township Website, to post the Meeting Continuation on the Information Board at the Township Hall, and to secure Resolution legal review.

CONTINUATION:

With no further business for discussion, Vice Chair Strohm made a motion for meeting continuance to February 6th. The motion was seconded by Member Giffin and was unanimously approved. The meeting was continued until February 6, 2023, 7pm at the Township Hall.

TIME: 8:30 PM

SUMBMITTED BY:

Recorded and submitted by Dave Stites, Zoning Secretary.