

# XENIA TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

## MEETING

October 22, 2013

**THESE MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE EVENTS OF THE MEETING AND ARE NOT A WORD FOR WORD ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE.**

The Xenia Township Zoning Commission held a meeting on October 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Xenia Township Trustees Office, 8 Brush Row Road, Xenia, OH, 45385 with the following members present:

Virgil Ferguson, Kent Harbison, Alan King, Willie Washington, and alternate Donna Randall. Also present was Alan Stock, Zoning Inspector/Clerk.

Chairman Alan King called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. Kent Harbison made a motion to approve the minutes from September 24, 2013. Willie Washington seconded. All voted aye.

The Zoning Commission briefly discussed the public hearing that will be held at 7:00 p.m. The map shows the parcels as R-1 and B-1; however, the zoning software erroneously showed the parcels as IG. This seemed to happen somewhere 2008.

The Zoning Commission began discussion of the sign text amendments. Anything in red is text that has been struck out or added at previous meetings. Highlighted text designates text the group wants to revisit. Alan Stock said you can regulate political signs but you have to be very specific on why. Usually for health or safety and it has to be consistent with other temporary signs. Right now the Zoning Resolution says you must take political signs down within 10 days after the election, and the reason is it then becomes an abandoned sign. Since it is in the Zoning Resolution for political signs, the same stipulation should be there for other temporary signs. The permits would be a good opportunity to give more specific guidelines for signs. Alan King asked if there are any rules about abandoned signs in the Township Zoning Resolution—there are not. Willie Washington said they need to make sure it is specified between placing signs on private property and placing signs on public property.

Exempted signs not removed within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the related event shall be considered abandoned signs. and subject to removal by the enforcing officer or designee at the expense of the owner of the sign. (Alan King is trying to get rid of 517.2.9 as it will be taken care of)

517.2 Exemptions—1<sup>st</sup> line needs to be changed.

Willie Washington made a motion to suspend the meeting until after the public hearing. Kent Harbison seconded. All voted aye. Meeting suspended at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Commission reconvened their meeting at 7:19 p.m. with same members present.

The group agreed to delete 517.2.9.c. and eliminate (wood posts only) in 517.2.9.d. Alan King said the city of Xenia will not allow any signs in public right-of-way. They strictly enforce it

too. So far there does not seem abuse of it in the Township right-of-ways. He asked if political signs should have more lenient regulations than signs of public events. Donna Randall asked about permits. Temporary signs have to be permitted. Political signs do not have to have a permit. Stock reminded group about the practical side of having the signs in the right-of-ways 30 days before an event and 10 days after would mean the road crew would be moving the signs to mow and putting the signs back. This would mean more of their time and someone seeing them put the signs back could think the Township supports the issue or candidate.

Harbison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Zweber seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Alan D. Stock, Zoning Clerk