

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 12, 2007

Public Hearing: Case Number 02-ZC-2007

Mr. Weltlich called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Van Kannel called the roll; Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich were present. Others present were Bill Yapple, Director of Operations; Kelly Sarko, Zoning Inspector and Don Brosius, Township Legal Counsel.

Mr. Weltlich asked those in attendance to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a moment of silence to honor of those who safeguard our freedoms around the world and here at home.

Mr. Weltlich asked Ms. Sarko to summarize Case No. 02-ZC-2007. Ms. Sarko read a letter written by John Biancamano, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, The letter read:

“Gentlemen:

Since last August, a working group consisting of interested citizens, Township representatives and myself, participated in several meetings to discuss the proposed planned commercial district amendment to the Zoning Code. These discussions resulted in a recommendation for a revision to the PCD document currently pending before the Trustees. I understand that counsel for the Township has advised that the changes in the working group's revised version are too significant to be adopted as an amendment and that the Trustees can either approve the proposal in its current form or reject it.

I believe that many of the changes in the working group's revised version are worthy of further consideration. I will be unable to attend the December 12 meeting of the Township Trustees, but with this letter I am requesting that the Trustees take the appropriate action to send the PCD amendment back to the Zoning Commission, so that the working group's revisions can be considered by that body. After the Zoning Commission has had an opportunity to review these revisions, the planned commercial district amendment to the Zoning Code will be sent to the Township Trustees for final approval”.

John J. Biancamano

Mr. Brosius stated that his opinion was this was more than a modification and if the Trustees are inclined to consider this, it cannot be considered as a modification. The current proposal before the Trustees would have to be denied unanimously thus allowing the Zoning Commission to take up this document and go through the process again and come back to the board to reflect what everyone has come up with. Mr. Weltlich thanked Mr. Brosius and Ms. Sarko for their extraordinary effort and diligence in putting this document together.

R.D. Sabatino of 8981 Chevington Chase thanked the Township staff for the fabulous job they have done all year. Mr. Sabatino recommended voting this down and do go through the process once again and have something that is beneficial to all the residents in the Township.

Norm Hopkins, 11300 Milnor Road was present. He stated there had been discussion on one section of the amendment. He felt that for the ease of the citizens and the ease of the Zoning Inspector to have a two section document.

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to deny the recommendation of the Zoning Commission as presented to the Trustees in Case No. 02-ZC-2007. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

R.D. Sabatino felt that for the simplicity of the general public, they felt this was a good way to involve the public.

Mr. Brosius said he did not want to give the impression that they do not have the ability to modify the Zoning Amendment. They do.

Mr. Weltlich suggested we advertise in the Pickerington Sun Times, This Week in Pickerington and the Lancaster Eagle Gazette.

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the public hearing for 02-ZC-2007. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Van Kannel, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Zoning Secretary

Approved By:

Gary P. Weltlich, Chairman

Date

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee