

JANUARY 19, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Liberty Township Land Use Board was called to order by Board Attorney, Richard Schneider at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was opened by stating that adequate notice of this public meeting had been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by:

1. posting a notice of this meeting on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building;
2. causing said notice to be published in The Star Gazette, and by notice to The Courier News;
3. furnishing said notice to those persons requesting it pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act; and
4. filing said notice with the Township Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Attorney, Richard Schneider issued the Oath of Office to the new and reappointed members of the 2016 Liberty Township Land Use Board.

Present: Sosnovik, Jarvis, Beyer, Grover, Hawkswell.

Absent: Pasko, Schaaf, Cummins, Wicki, Tibak, Snyder, Ward.

Also present: Richard Schneider, Esquire; Eric Snyder, P.P.

MOTION was made by **JARVIS** to nominate **RAY SOSNOVIK** as **CHAIRMAN** of the 2016 Liberty Township Land Use Board.

SECONDED: GROVER.

Those in favor: Jarvis, Beyer, Grover, Hawkswell, Sosnovik.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

MOTION was made by **JARVIS** to nominate **MIKE BEYER** as **VICE CHAIRMAN** of the 2016 Liberty Township Land Use Board.

SECONDED: HAWKSWELL.

Those in favor: Beyer, Grover, Hawkswell, Jarvis, Sosnovik.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

MOTION was made by **GROVER** to appoint **PATTI ZOTTI** as **LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK** of the 2016 Liberty Township Land Use Board.

SECONDED: JARVIS.

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Schneider indicated the official newspapers used by the Land Use Board are typically the same as used by the Township Committee. Schneider stated the Land Use Board should have a daily newspaper available for use by the applicants. Grover stated he would discuss with the Township Committee the use of The Courier News as an official newspaper if it is not widely circulated in Warren County.

MOTION was made by **GROVER** to designate **The Star Gazette** and **The Courier News** as the **Official Newspapers** for the year 2016.

SECONDED: HAWKSWELL.

Those in favor: Beyer, Grover, Hawkswell, Jarvis, Sosnovik.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

MOTION was made by **HAWKSWELL** to approve the **minutes** of the **December 15, 2015** meeting, as written.

SECONDED: BEYER.

Those in favor: Hawkswell, Beyer, Sosnovik.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: Grover, Jarvis.

Discussion of the Revised Re-Examination Report and Draft Ordinance

Presented for discussion was a document entitled "Re-Examination Report, Liberty Township", dated December 18, 2015, and written by Eric K. Snyder, AICP. Snyder explained the thought process behind the Master Plan Re-Examination Report formulation. The protection of existing stone and tree rows was pointed out as an objective under the Environmental Protection heading.

The possibility of a designated municipal/town center area was discussed under the heading of Community Facilities. Concerns were expressed over possibly having to provide water and sewer service, lighting, sidewalks, etc.

On page ten of the report, the second paragraph under item d. reads "...recent applications for diesel engine repair, bed and breakfasts, landscaping businesses..." A discussion took place regarding diesel engine repair vs automotive engine repair, and if it should remain as an accessory use vs principal use. The above use being an allowed use in the I Zone would be an acceptable use in the I Zone on Route 46, but not in the I Zone on Hope-Great Meadows Road. Snyder suggested the zone designation could be changed on Route 46 to better delineate an automotive zone.

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Jarvis excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION was made by **GROVER** to return from closed session.
SECONDED: BEYER.

Voice vote: ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION was made by **GROVER** to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM.
SECONDED: BEYER.

Voice vote: ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Zotti
Land Use Administrator