

Richfield Township Zoning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/12/26

Location: Maintenance building

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Richfield Township Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Doug R at 1908.

Present were: Doug, Travis, Todd, Don, & Dianne

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Travis. A motion to approve was made by Doug and seconded by Todd. Roll call vote: unanimous.

Old Business

Steering committee update: Todd. Had a meeting today with Crossroads videoing in. Crossroads stated there has been 191 survey's submitted. Set a deadline for the survey's of Jan 31st and a tentative follow up meeting of Feb 2nd. Jasmine is going to head a committee to go door to door to get more survey submissions.

New Business

Zoning Inspector: Dan has stepped down as Zoning Inspector. Position is open. Don will tentatively take responsibility to complete Permit Request until Inspector position is filled.

Permit request: 26-01. Brian Mears. 2501 N Raab Rd Swanton, OH 43558. Request is for a 40x60 outbuilding on an existing property with a home. Committee reviewed plans, reviewed application, created request. Motion to approve permit 26-01 by Doug, seconded by Don, roll call unanimous.

Update from Doug: Newly elected Vicky Loeffler presented moratorium on Data Centers at previous trustee meeting. Doug asked for committee comments/concerns. Todd suggested there should be a clause to include solar/renewable energy. No other comments were made.

Permit request: 26-02. 10688 Miller Rd Swanton, OH 43558. Request to add solar panels to roof of home. Committee reviewed request and found this request to conflict with Zoning Code 7.28 Solar Energy Systems g. which states "Panels should not be attached to any roof that faces the street." Motion to deny permit 26-02 by Doug, seconded by Don, roll call unanimous.

Public Comments

Trustee Vicky: Presented information from State Fire Martial about Lithium Battery. New information, recommendations, and codes are coming out concerning Lithium Battery. Documentation was presented to committee. Information will be reviewed by board and then a zoning amendment will be made after if required.

Trustee Vicky: Meeting coming soon that will include the Farm Bureo. Asked Zoning to attend as new laws may be coming out regarding soil grade quality and protection from solar/renewable resources.

Complaints

No Complaints.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Doug at 2020. seconded by Don. Roll call vote: Unanimous.

Submitted by: Travis Garlick