

Ligonier Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2025

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Planning Commission was held Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Township Manager Michael Strelac presiding.

Members Present: Barb Nalle, Michael McCalpin, Thomas Naugle, Chris Hefner, Dan Weimer, Martin Knizner.

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelac, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse, and Township Engineer Ben Faas.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATION

A motion was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Michael McCalpin to appoint Barb Nalle as Chair of the Commission for 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike McCalpin and seconded by Thomas Naugle to appoint Chris Hefner as Vice-Chair of the Commission for 2025. Motion carried

A motion was made by Mike McCalpin and seconded by Barb Nalle to appoint Sheila Grimm as Secretary of the Commission for 2025. Motion carried

A motion was made by Mike McCalpin and seconded by Chris Hefner to appoint Thomas Naugle as Assistant Secretary of the Commission for 2025. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chris Hefner made a motion to accept the October 24, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Thomas Naugle. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Land Development Plan (Hydrogreen)

Zoning Officer Krouse explained the project and the timeline of receiving documents. Ben Faas indicated he had done a preliminary review. The engineer would not recommend it for approval. Mr. Krouse explained that the Planning Commission could either recommend for approval, disapproval, or request additional information.

A motion was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Mike McCalpin to request more information and put the time period into abeyance until the information is provided to the Township Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Jackovitz Plan

Zoning Officer Krouse explained the project. Not creating any nonconformities. Sewage enforcement officer has reviewed.

A motion was made by Dan Weimer and seconded by Thomas Naugle to recommend the plan to the Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Geoffrey Wills Plan

Zoning Officer Krouse explained the project. Sewage enforcement officer has reviewed. Not creating any nonconformities.

A motion was made by Thomas Naugle and seconded by Mike McCalpin to recommend the plan to the Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Himler Plan

Zoning Officer Krouse explained the project. Not creating any nonconformities.

A motion was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Mike McCalpin to recommend the plan to the Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Fence setback ordinance amendment

Township Manager Strelic explained the issue. According to our zoning ordinance, a fence in a front yard is limited to 4 feet in height, even if the fence is half a mile from the nearest road.

Chris Hefner makes motion we review and update the zoning code, including the fence setback ordinance to see if it needs to be modified. Seconded by Thomas Naugle. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

GENERAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Barb Nalle reminded her fellow commissioners that they may have to recuse themselves from voting if they have financial interest in any situation that may come before the Commission.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Dan Weimer to adjourn the meeting. All of the Commission was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Strelic
Township Manager