

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WALNUT TOWNSHIP, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OH – ZONING COMMISSION (ZC)

11420 Millersport Rd., Millersport, OH 43067

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2023 – 7:02 PM

Zoning Commission members present/absent:

Members present - Charles Pillon, Greg Groves, Ben Patterson, Jim Upp, Dick Williams, Alternate – Daria Arbogast

Zoning Inspector: Mike Berry

Number of members of the public present: 1 as recorded on sign-in sheets:

1. Betsy Skrobot, 5042 Bateson Beach Dr. NE

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM, by Zoning Commission Chairman Charles Pillon and the pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the Regular meeting October 19, 2023 were presented for approval. Charles Pillon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented without changes. Greg Groves seconded the motion. Ben Patterson and Jim Upp abstained. The motion passed with 4 yes votes.

Comments from the Public:

Betsy Skrobot addressed the zoning commission regarding Short Term Rentals. She provided a packet highlighting STR's in Columbus. The packet included a letter from Columbus residents regarding short term rentals, a frequently asked question list, and the ordinances that address short term rentals. Patty McLoughlin, 3723 North Bank spoke to the fact that the STR owners were operating STR's illegally. Now that they have been stopped from operating because they didn't have permission, they want to come hat in hand and beg for mercy. Many residents near the STR's have experienced disturbances in the night, dog bites, etc. Ms. Skrobot stated that like it or not, STR's are here to stay. She is asking that the zoning commission and other boards work together to make it work. She suggested putting together a group of a few representing STR's to work with the Township to come to a solution. Chair Pillon thanked Ms. Skrobot for her information and said that this is a subject that will be further discussed with the zoning commission as well as the Trustees and Board of Zoning Appeals.

OLD BUSINESS

The zoning commission discussed the outdoor sign regulations of the zoning resolution. As agreed at the last meeting, Vice-Chair Dick Williams provided clarification of the ORC and also created a table to simplify the overview of the regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Pillon stated that the discussion continues about the reinstatement of B2 and B3 to the zoning resolution.

Mike Berry stated that the Prosecuting Attorney wants the zoning commission to address short term rentals with something other than a PUD district.

Chair Pillon said that some changes need to be made regarding short term rentals.

Next meeting will be December 21, 2023.

Adjournment: At 9:22 PM, Charles Pillon made a motion to adjourn. Ben Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 yes votes.

Minutes Recorded By: Patricia McLoughlin

Charles Pillon - Chair

Greg Groves – Acting Vice Chair