

YORK TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
January 5, 2012

The York Township Board of Zoning Commission held their monthly meeting in the York Town Hall/Fire Station Complex on January 5, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Kathy Gibbons called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Zoning Commission Members Present:

Kathy Gibbons, Nevada Johnson, David Hull, and Alternate James Miller were present at the meeting. Lowell Wolff and Richard Hill were unable to attend.

Guests Present:

John Gibbons; Richard Monroe-Trustee

Minutes:

The Board reviewed the proposed minutes from the December 1, 2011 meeting. David Hull made a motion to approve the proposed minutes with corrections made. Nevada Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted aye in a voice vote. Minutes approved.

Organizational Meeting:

Kathy Gibbons asked the Board to review the Organizational Meeting Guidelines adopted January 6, 2011. James Miller made a motion to accept the Organizational Meeting Guidelines as presented. (Exhibit A) David Hull seconded the motion. All members voted aye in a voice vote. Motion approved.

David Hull made a motion to nominate Kathy Gibbons for Chairperson. Nevada Johnson seconded the motion. James Miller made a motion that all nominations be closed. David Hull seconded the motion. All members voted aye in a voice vote. Motion approved.

David Hull made a motion to nominate Nevada Johnson for Vice Chairperson. James Miller seconded the motion. David Hull made a motion that all nominations be closed. James Miller seconded the motion. Nevada Johnson abstained from voting. Other members voted aye in a voice vote. Motion approved.

Correspondence:

Kathy Gibbons gave the Board copies of the Summary of Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes dated from 2008. The copies were made by Dorothy Crouch.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Summary of Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes.

Old Business:

Kathy Gibbons asked Board members while working on the revision of the York Township Comprehensive Plan if any one thought of any areas the Board could expand on during this New Year.

Kathy Gibbons explained the last workshop she had attended the challenge was to pick something out of the Comprehensive Plan and work on it.

Kathy Gibbons talked about the goal section of the York Township Comprehensive Plan it talks about encouraging the development of recreation areas. Kathy Gibbons stated that is what we have with our York Township Orth Homestead Park. Kathy Gibbons stated it will take a lot of people to keep the Park safe, beautiful and in good condition.

Kathy Gibbons suggested the Board needs to be watchful and monitor any conditions that do not accomplish the goals in the York Township Comprehensive Plan. Kathy Gibbons suggested the Board key in on any safety issues and look forward to looking into the goals set forward in the York Township Comprehensive Plan.

Kathy Gibbons mentioned the Board has spent a lot of hours on revising the York Township Comprehensive Plan and feels the Board should continue to review it and make the York Township Comprehensive Plan work as it was intended to work.

Kathy Gibbons suggested for the Board to keep involved and make corrections to the York Township Comprehensive Plan as needed.

Kathy Gibbons suggested if a Board member would happen to go past the park and feel something is not right, bring it to the attention of the Trustees or the York Township Zoning Commission so that it could be discussed and possibly changed so that things may run smoother, safer, like the guidelines for the Park.

David Hull confirmed, as being a good citizen, being involved with the Township, and give input. Kathy Gibbons agreed and keep watch over the Park.

James Miller reviewed suggestions made by a steering committee in the past to bring appeal to the downtown section of York Township.

David Hull reviewed the work completed by the York Township Historical Society, the Fire Department and the Trustees working on grants and other funding for the York Township.

The Board reviewed the planting and care of the flowers in the flower boxes on the York Township Hall and how nice it looks in the summer.

James Miller suggested getting an organization together of people wanting to develop a flower garden around the park.

David Hull talked about the refurbishing of headstones that has been completed at the York Township Cemetery.

New Business:

Kathy Gibbons asked Board members if anyone has a schedule for any workshops. No one knew of any new schedules for workshops at this time.

Nevada Johnson feels the Medina County Planning Commission should have a current list of York Township Board members and meeting times. Nevada Johnson asked Mary Lenarth if she would take care of it. Mary Lenarth said she would.

Mary Lenarth stated Dorothy Crouch will have a new copy of the York Township Roster for Board members next month.

Mary Lenarth informed the Board that Richard Monroe would like the Board to know that Richard Hill has resigned from the York Township Zoning Commission and is now an alternate on the York Township Board of Zoning Appeals, Eric Squire resigned from the York Township Board of Zoning Appeals, and Marilyn Pendolino has moved to full-time for the York Township Board of Zoning Appeals.

Kathy Gibbons asked Mary Lenarth if Allison Wood from the Medina Post newspaper would be coming to the York Township Zoning Commission meetings. Richard Monroe stated Allison Wood usually attends the York Township Trustee meetings but did not think she attended the York Township Zoning Commission meetings.

Kathy Gibbons suggested the York Township Zoning Commission minutes be printed in the Medina Post newspaper. Richard Monroe suggested for Mary Lenarth to call Allison Wood.

Kathy Gibbons asked if any one had any other new business.

David Hull suggested summarizing issues the York Township Board of Zoning Appeals has come up against and from that summary the Board could understand the issues with the York Township Comprehensive Plan.

Mary Lenarth stated the York Township Board of Zoning Appeals would like some of the definitions to be reviewed, such as “junk” “garbage”, etc.

Kathy Gibbons stated the next York Township Zoning Commission meeting is to be on February 2, 2012.

David Hull asked Richard Monroe if anything new was going on in the Township. Richard Monroe and James Miller mentioned the Trustees will be meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month for January, February, March, and April, 2012 at 6:30 pm. After April, 2012 Trustee meetings will return to the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

Kathy Gibbons asked Board members to complete the new monthly sign-in sheets.

David Hull asked Richard Monroe if anything new was going on with the Shale Creek clubhouse. Richard Monroe stated nothing new is going on.

Kathy Gibbons asked Richard Monroe when the sign will be installed at the new York Township Orth Homestead Park. Richard Monroe stated the sign is in and ready, the individual will be installing the sign soon.

The Board discussed the park and pavilion.

Adjourn:

David Hull made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. James Miller seconded the motion. All members voted aye in a voice vote. Motion approved.

Kathy Gibbons, Chairperson

Mary Lenarth, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

York Township Zoning Commission Organizational Meeting Guidelines

January 5, 2012

1. Regular meetings: Regular meeting of the Commission will be held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Unless otherwise provided, all meetings will be held the York Township Hall/Fire Station Complex, located at 6609 Norwalk Road.

The clerk shall give notice of the regular meetings by posting a copy of this resolution on the bulletin board at the Township office and notify the Medina Gazette. If the date, time or location of a regular meeting is changed, notice of the change shall be posted as provided in this section at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

2. Special and emergency meetings: Special meeting of the Commission will be held at the call of the Chairman, or the Vice Chairman, or two members of the Commission. The call for a special meeting shall specify the date, time, location, and purposes of the meeting. Unless otherwise provided, special meetings will be held at the same location as regular meetings.

The Clerk shall give notice of the date, time, location, and purposes of a special meeting other than an emergency meeting by posting in the same location(s) as provided for posting notice of regular meetings. Notice shall be posted as far in advance of the meeting as practicable, but not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

If there is sufficient time to provide twenty-four (24) hours notice, the Clerk shall give notice of an emergency meeting in the same manner as notice of a non-emergency special meeting. Otherwise, notice of an emergency meeting is not required.

3. Alternate: An alternate shall be asked by the Chairman to be seated with the Commission if there is a vacancy at the beginning of the meeting. If a regular Commission member arrives later than fifteen (15) minutes after the meeting began the alternate will remain the voting member. If the regular members arrives earlier than fifteen (15) minutes after the meeting began they can replace the alternate as the voting member if a public hearing or site plan review has not begun. Only a member that has heard all testimony can vote.

4. Meeting minutes: Every effort shall be made to provide minutes of the monthly meeting to the Board members one week in advance of the next scheduled regular meeting.