RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

April 4, 2019

The Public Hearing for Zoning Case 2019-03MA was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Weidman.

Mr. Bickford presented the case in a PowerPoint presentation. He stated the request is for a major adjustment to a PUD at 7745 E. Kemper Road. Mr. Bickford noted the applicant is Hixson, Inc. on behalf of UDF who proposes to use the building for a food production facility. He stated there are no changes proposed to the impervious surface ratio, the modification to the PUD is necessary due to the change of use. He then reviewed the zoning compliance issues with the request which he noted are relatively minor. He stated Zoning Commission recommended approval of the project.

Mr. Weidman asked the applicant to speak.

Mr. Neil Kluender, of Hixson Inc., the applicant, 659 Van Meter St. Cincinnati, OH 45202, addressed the Board asking if they could have relief from the requirement that the rooftop mechanicals be screened. He noted several properties near that building do not have rooftop screening.

There was discussion about the screening and whether the mechanical units would be visible.

Mr. Weidman asked if there was anyone present from the public who wished to comment on the case. No response.

The public hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman

Dennis W. Connor, Vice Chairman

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The Public Hearing for Zoning Case 2019-04MA was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Mr. Weidman.

Mr. Bickford presented the case in a PowerPoint presentation. He stated the request is for a major adjustment to a PUD at 8352 and 8354 Blue Ash Road. Mr. Bickford noted 8352 Blue Ash Road was approved to remain a single family home and the garage at 8354 Blue Ash Road was approved for use as storage for Camp Safety. He stated the applicant proposes two additions to the existing storage building. Mr. Bickford noted there also would be one added parking space and additional landscaping.

The Board asked questions of Mr. Bickford then Mr. Weidman asked if the applicant would like to speak.

The applicant had nothing to add.

Mr. Weidman asked if there was anyone present from the public who wished to comment on the case. No response.

Mr. Weidman closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

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The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The invocation from St. Saviour Church was then read by Mr. Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Weidman, Vice Chairman Connor, Trustee LaBarbara, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Bickford, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Superintendent / Assistant Administrator Kellums, Zoning Administrator Holbert and Recreation Director McKeown were excused.

The resolution "Honoring the 2018-2019 Moeller High School State Basketball Champions" was read by Mr. Weidman. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2019-38 passed this 4th day of April, 2019.

The resolution was then presented to the Moeller basketball players and coaches who were present at the meeting.

The proclamation "Declaring April 9, 2019 to be 1999 Tornado Remembrance Day" was read by Mr. Weidman. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara to pass the Proclamation. Mr. Porter called Roll. All Aye.

The Proclamation passed this 4th day of April, 2019.

The approval of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held March 6, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to approve them. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Doug McGrew, of 4212 Myrtle Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236 addressed the Board requesting that road construction crews begin work after 9:00 a.m. so that residents are less impacted during their morning commutes.

Mr. Tom James, of 5784 Whitechapel Drive, Sycamore Township, OH 45236 addressed the Board. Mr. James commented Mr. McGrew's idea was a good one. He went on to ask about the status of the law enforcement study with the City of Silverton, public participation in the Land Use Plan Steering Committee, if there is any public funding for the Capital Investment project and if the radar sign on Shagbark is permanent.

Mr. Standish Fortin, of 12137 McCauly Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45241 addressed the Board asking questions about the process of updating the Zoning Resolution. He went on to ask about an inoperable speed limit trailer in the parking lot of the Administration building. There was discussion about purchasing additional portable speed signs and it was decided that this topic would be discussed at the next Workshop meeting. Mr. Fortin then asked about the D.A.R.E. training through the Sheriff's

Office. He also asked questions about the Conditional Use application for the proposed maintenance building on the Township Administration complex and the Land Use Plan steering committee.

Lt. Smith reported on traffic safety initiatives noting the month of April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. He stated there will be increased patrols and safety measures during prom season.

Chief Penny stated he sent the monthly statistics to the Board noting they are also posted on the Fire Department's website. He stated the Department is in the process of administering testing of candidates for the open full time fire fighter position.

Mr. Bickford reported on behalf of Mr. McKeown that baseball and soccer games are in full swing on Township fields.

Mr. Miller reported the Duke Energy pipeline hearings in Columbus begin April 9th. He stated he will attend Tuesday and then gauge how much of it he should attend. He noted Mr. Bickford will have to attend to have his testimony sworn in.

Mr. Miller also reported on the Moeller High School parking lot appeal noting there have been several motions filed in the case which is set for oral argument on June 11th.

Mr. Bickford reported the Zoning Certificates are on pace to reach 400 which would be the highest in ten years.

The following purchase orders were presented for approval:

Camp Safety

Equipment

\$11,151.50

Motorola

Radios

\$7,784.42

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to approve this request. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution approving Zoning Case 2019-03MA with the condition that all the mechanicals be screened per the Zoning Resolution. Mr. Porter called roll. All voted: Aye.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution approving Zoning Case 2019-04MA as submitted. Mr. Porter called roll. All voted: Aye.

Mr. Miller entertained a motion to suspend the rules for two readings for the next resolution.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to suspend the rules for two readings.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

The resolution "Setting New Rates and Fees for EMS and Fire Department Services" was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2019-39 passed this 4th day of April, 2019.

Mr. Connor stated there will be an Open House conducted by Hamilton County Engineer's Office at the Schuler Community Room on April 11th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. regarding the intersections of Butler Warren, McCauly and Conrey with Fields Ertel Road. He noted the Board does have some concerns about the plans and will be present at the open house to express those concerns.

Mr. LaBarbara stated the Township is required to invite Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes to the annual Tax Incentive Review Council Meeting.

Mr. Miller stated the Township notifies the Auditor's office and they have sent a representative in the past. Mr. Miller also stated those meetings may be moved to later in the year to allow more time to obtain the public records of payments.

Mr. LaBarbara brought up the proposed gas tax increase. Mr. Bickford reported on the numbers for that he had received form the Hamilton County Engineer's Office stating he needs more information before discussing it at a Workshop.

Mr. LaBarbara went on to say he and Mr. Connor attended the Duke Energy Pipeline meeting at UC Blue Ash on March 21st noting no members of the Siting Board were present for that. He then thanked Law Director Miller and Administrator Bickford for their testimony recorded for the pipeline hearing in Columbus.

The Receipts and Disbursements of April 4, 2019 were available in the Fiscal Officer's Office and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

I hereby certify that the money for payment of these bills is in the fund provided and duly and properly appropriated.

Signed:

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to accept them. Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: All Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Thomas J. Weigman, Chairman

Dennis W. Connor, Vice Chairman

Jim LaBarbara, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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