November 16, 2020 Jersey Township Trustees Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given. Trustees Bright, Wetzel, and Fry, Fiscal Officer Jesenko, and Zoning Inspector Witney were all present.

- A. The first matter at hand was a request for rezoning the property at 11301 Worthington Road from Rural Residential to Neighborhood Business. The property owner intends to rent space to customers for outdoor entertainment purposes such as small festivals, wedding receptions, Christmas displays and the like. The trustees questioned the property owner about his plans for parking, setbacks, buffering, building use, and sanitation: the owner answered the questions to the trustees' satisfaction. The property owner was (later) asked about concerts being held at the venue. The property owner responded that a church choir might use the venue but full blown commercial concerts would not be offered there. The Zoning Inspector pointed out that the future land use map already has this area marked as Neighborhood Business. The Zoning Inspector also pointed out that the landowner will have to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to request a Conditional Use Permit should the property be rezoned as Neighborhood Business. There being no further discussion, Trustee Bright moved that the zoning change be approved; Trustee Fry seconded the motion. Vote: Bright- yes, Wetzel- yes, Fry- yes.
- B. The second zoning matter at hand was a request for rezoning the property at 12555 Worthington Road (dba Capital City Pools) from Neighborhood Business to General Business. This change would align zoning for the property with the zoning of surrounding businesses. There was a concern about water runoff from the parking lot that was addressed by an EPA permitted retention pond, with a county permit in process in Newark, and a buffering mound is in place. The Jersey Township Zoning Board and Licking County Planning both recommended approval of the zoning change. There being no further discussion, Trustee Bright moved to approve the zoning change; Trustee Wetzel seconded the motion. Vote: Bright-yes, Wetzel-yes, Fry-yes.

C. The final order of business at the Special Meeting was discussion of how to best use monies made available by the CARES ACT (Corona Virus Relief Fund) to allow the township to accommodate distancing and other best practices while continuing operations. Suggestions included technology (IT) upgrades, office upgrades, touchless bathroom fixtures, and helping local businesses and school districts affected by virus related restrictions. Further research will be done and decisions will be made at the December monthly meeting. There being no further business before the board, Trustee Wetzel moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Fry seconded the motion. Vote: Bright- yes, Wetzel- yes, Fry- yes. Meeting adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer