

**Bowling Green Township
Zoning Commission/Appeals Board Meeting**

March 20, 2006, 7:30pm

The Zoning Commission and Appeals board opened their meeting at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allengence. The purpose of this meeting is for the 2 zoning boards to introduce themselves and to discuss issues of the township that need some further zoning regulations or changes to the zoning resolution. Barb Wade, zoning commission board chair, asked board members to introduce themselves, which also serves as roll call. The following members of the Zoning Commission board were present Barb Wade, Russell Chorpenning, George Franey, and Ralph Antonelli. Commission board alternates Shannon Duval and Geary Steppe were also present. The following members from the Appeals board were present Jack Hedges, Paul Scalan, Ron Duval and alternate Lee Rathburn. Zoning clerk Jennie Duval and zoning inspector June Warner were present. Also in attendance were 2 trustees Jeff Chorpenning and Daniel VanBuren, residents Evelyn VanBuren, Diane Duval, and Vickie Fogarty.

Barb explained that the purpose of the zoning commission is to protect the township residents. June Warner read the preamble to the resolution stating its purpose, it reads:

This resolution is enacted for the purpose of promoting public health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare; to conserve and protect property and property values; to secure the most appropriate use of land, and facilitate adequate and economical provisions for public improvements, all in accordance with a comprehensive plan for the desirable future development of Bowling Green Township and to provide a method of administration and to prescribe penalties for violation of provisions hereafter described all as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code.

Barb states that she would like to make a list of things that need to be addressed in the township. The list is as follows.

1. Jack Hedges says that his first issue or concern is to make sure everyone is treated the same concerning the rules and regulations.
 - A). Road repairs due to roads heavily traveled by trucks
 - B). 2 trucks limit is not being enforced
2. There should be tighter regulations on abandoned and junk cars. June states that the junk car section in the Ohio Revised code has been updated and the township should update the resolution to match the ORC
3. Size of any sign posted in the township
4. Consider dropping zoning permits on swimming pools. June mentioned that if someone builds a pool and gets a permit, then if someone swimming in the pool were to get hurt, it could come back on the township. Some townships are not requiring a permit for residential swimming pools but still require one for commercial swimming pools
5. Sewer system issue should be addressed. Barb states that the EPA could come in and force the residents to look into sewer systems. When that happens that would force the cost onto the residents and also encourage more development in the town. Barb thinks that maybe the zoning commission could suggest to the trustees that a committee of Brownsville residents could be formed to look at addressing the sewer issue in Brownsville. Barb explains that she has her own waste water treatment facility for her business. She has a submerged wetland and explains how it works and that it might be an option for the residents of Brownsville. An advantage of the wetland would be that it can be designed for the houses that are there now and then Brownsville may not be forced to expand its residential area because the wetland can not be expanded.

Lee Rathburn brought up a zoning problem that happened several years ago that was not resolved to his satisfaction. Mr. Rathburn feels that the board at the time did not help him. The current board assured him that they would deal with any problems that arise and will do the best they can to resolve any issues.

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6. Road easements on new roads

Barb asked if the board would like to address these issues now or at the next meeting.

Russell Chorpenning made a motion to table the discussion. Lee Rathburn seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2006 at 7:30 pm.

George Franey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shannon Duval seconded the motion. Motion Carried. With business complete the board adjourned at 8:35 pm

Barbara G. Wade

Jenni Duval, clerk