

**KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 22, 2015 6:00 PM
5851 MACKINAW RD. SAGINAW**

1. Call To Order

Ron Robishaw called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call and recognition of Visitors

Zoning Administrator Bruce Palmer took roll call.

Present: Ron Robishaw, Beverly Yanca, Ed Thon

Also present: 1 person in the audience.

3. Approval of Agenda

Ron Robishaw asked for the approval of the agenda with changes to include introduction of new ZBA Alternate, Lynn Kauer. Mr. Kauer was not present but Ron wished to add the introduction as an acknowledgement of Mr. Kauer's appointment.

Motion by Ed Thon to Approve the Agenda with Changes, **supported** by Beverly Yanca.
Yes – 3 No- 0 Motion Carried.

4. Election of Officers

Chair Ron Robishaw opened up nominations for officers.

Nomination for **Chair**: Ron Robishaw by Ed Thon, **supported** by Beverly Yanca, motion carried.

Nomination for **Vice Chair**: Ed Thon by Beverly Yanca, **supported** by Ron Robishaw, motion carried.

Nomination for **Secretary**: Beverly Yanca by Ron Robishaw, **supported** by Ed Thon, motion carried.

As elected; Chair: Ron Robishaw, Vice Chair: Ed Thon, Secretary: Beverly Yanca

5. Approval of Minutes – February 20, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Ron Robishaw then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last ZBA meeting held on February 20, 2014.

Motion by Beverly Yanca, **supported** by Ed Thon, to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on February 20, 2014, as presented.

Yes – 3 No- 0 Motion Carried.

Short comment by Beverly Yanca, asking about the Amazing Grace Animal Rescue. It was explained that the owner was considering not renewing their lease, but it was not for certain.

6. Open Public Comment - no public comment

7. Close Public Comment –

8. Communications. Ron Robishaw talked about training and Bruce stated that when training opportunities came in, it would be passed on to everyone. Ron stated the same.

9. Comments from ZBA members and staff – Beverly Yanca asked if the Township expected any appeals coming in. Bruce responded that there were no appeals expected. There were comments about the Cardinal Corners project and the addition of 2 new apartment structures that would be going up in the spring. Beverly Yanca asked about building heights. Ron Robishaw responded that 2-1/2 stories and 35 feet were the limits. Bruce added that the project was a pre-approved project and that they would be allowed to build what was authorized in the approval, and added that the buildings were 2-1/2 stories, with 1/2 of the lower floor below grade.

Beverly asked about the Davis Rd. project and there was short discussion.

Bruce commented that he would like to see one more person added to the ZBA. Ed stated that the ordinance requires 5 people.

Bruce commented that the Firehouse Subs restaurant was locating here and plans were already submitted and permits were to be issued shortly. Bruce also commented about the new rental ordinance under consideration and that it might be submitted to the Township Board in February. Beverly Yanca asked if there would be another meeting or workshop for the landlords to review the latest draft and information before the February board meeting. Bruce responded that there probably should be and would check with Sara Traxler and Steve King. Beverly responded that at the very least the Landlords should be notified that this issue will be coming before the Township Board of Trustees in February. Bruce stated that Sara Traxler was currently reviewing the documents.

Ron asked about the sign ordinance and wanted to know if there was going to be a workshop, of sorts, as the Planning Commission was taking on the duties as the Sign Review Board.

10. Next meeting – to be determined.

11. Motion to adjourn, Ron Robishaw asked for a motion to adjourn. Ed Thon made the motion, supported by Beverly Yanca. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Bruce Palmer

Zoning Administrator

Approved: _____

Beverly Yanca, Secretary

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