

Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021 March 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Call to order: Damita Peery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Determination of a Quorum/Roll Call: Members present were Jon Kerr, Matt Allen, Damita Peery, Tony Lonigro, Andy Kerr, Jessica Duvall. Also present were Zoning Inspector David Weade and Meeting Secretary Alison Newton.

Introduction of new members to the commission: Tony Lonigro and Jessica Duvall introduced themselves to the board and Mike Dattilo swore Tony Lonigro and Jessica Duvall onto the Zoning Commission. Mike Dattilo swore in Fred Greenwald onto the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion to approve the minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2025 by Jon seconded by Andy. Motion approved 5-0. Tony abstained.

Election of Chair and Co-Chair:

Jon nominated Damita to serve as chair for 2025. Tony seconded. Tony nominated Jon to serve as co-chair for 2025. Jon declined. Damita nominated Andy to serve as co-chair for 2025. Jon seconded.

Announcements: Our meeting this evening will conclude at 9:30 pm. Any unfinished business will be continued to April 3rd, 2025, at 7 pm at 1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena Ohio 43021.

Statement of policy: As is the adopted policy of the Berkshire Township Zoning Commission, all applicants will be granted an opportunity to make their formal presentation. Following the applicant's presentation preliminary questions or points of clarification from the commission will be allowed. The audience will then be granted an opportunity to comment. Each individual will be granted three minutes. We ask that you be brief and to the point. The Chairperson may limit repetitive comments and close public comments after a reasonable time. The commission will ask questions and take action if needed.

New business:

Application # 25-007 Jeremy and Summer Ortman. Apply for a zoning change from A-1 to FR-1. Vans Valley Road.

Summer and Jeremy Ortman introduced themselves and explained that they are asking to get two acres into their name from the existing property which is in her grandmother's trust. To do this, they needed to re-zone the

property.

Tony asked about the current stage of their development process, the applicant mentioned that they were talking with an architect now to develop and finalize their house plans.

David mentioned the regional zoning report that was sent to the commission, he mentioned their note about the fact that there cannot be a driveway with less than 60ft of clearance.

Damita asked if there would be another lot split in the future, and the applicant said there were no plans at this time, but they plan to have it set up the property with 65ft clearance in case plans change and they would need to add a driveway to get to the acreage in the back.

Jon asked if they would be compliant with the setbacks, and the applicant agreed. Jon asked about dashed lines on the drawing, the applicant said it was where the soil samples were taken for the septic.

Andy made a motion to approve application # 25-007. Jon seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

This application will now go to the Township Trustees' April meeting for final approval.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Tony at 7:20p.m. Seconded by Jon. Motion approved 6-0.

Zoning Inspector

Meeting Secretary

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Zoning Commission Members