

**PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Christopher Finn, Chairman; Melvin Jones, Vice-chairman; Howard Balzer, Nancy Daniels, Alternate, Kevin Dye, Alternate

Member Absent: Hulda Moffitt, Bruce Whyte

Alternate Members Present: Nancy Daniels, Kevin Dye

Staff Present: Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector, Dana Scott, Zoning Specialist I, Alicia Armentrout, Zoning Specialist II

Resident Guests Present: Raymond Daniels

CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Finn, Chairman, called the meeting of the Prairie Township Zoning Commission to order at 3pm on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at the Township Hall, 23 Maple Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

Because of Ms. Moffitt's and Mr. Whyte's absence, Chairman Finn Asked Nancy Daniels and Kevin Dye to join the other board members at the conference table.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Finn asked for a motion to approve or correct the minutes for the January 22, 2019, Prairie Township Zoning Commission meeting.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the January 22, 2019 meeting minutes as written; motion seconded by Ms. Daniels.

Roll call as follows:

1. Nancy Daniels Aye
2. Kevin Dye Aye
3. Howard Balzer Aye
4. Melvin Jones Aye
5. Christopher Finn Aye

**Review and Discussion of Text Amendments: Article 18
Sections 1800, and 1812
Presented by Connie Swisher**

Ms. Swisher said that at today's meeting proposed text amendments pertain to Section 1800, *Purpose and Intent*, Section 1812, *Open Space Provisions*. (An edited copy of these sections was provided to each member of the Zoning Commission.)

Section 1800: Purpose and Intent

Page 1, Paragraph 3:

Comment: An exception has been added (text in red).

The West Broad Street **Commercial Frontage** of one of four focus areas identified in the Prairie Township Redevelopment Study. Much of this development **has matured with age and the Corridor Overlay District guidelines will provide modern development standards in terms of building placement, architectural quality and overall site design that will enhance future development of this community.**

Page 1, Paragraph 4:

Comment: An exception has been added (text in red).

The Ohio Department of Transportation's 2016 reconstruction of West Broad Street and their partnership with the Township to improve the streetscape **has helped to** change the character of the public realm in the corridor. **This has not only helped to improve** the aesthetics of the roadway, **but has also** provided sidewalks and bicycle lanes that will encourage active transportation modes.

Section 1812: Open Space Provisions

Page 26, Paragraph 1:

Comment: An exception has been added (text in red).

All **new** developments including residential uses, shall provide usable open space, accessible to the tenants or patrons of the development. Open space areas meeting this requirement shall be designed as parks, pocket parks, plazas, squares, or other forms of common outdoor space and shall not be comprised of residual, unusable areas. (See Figures 21 and 22 for examples).

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meeting

Mr. Finn stated that the next meeting of the Zoning Commission will be March 26, 2019, at 3pm at the Township Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Prairie Township Zoning Commission, Mr. Finn adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.

Submitted by Dana Scott, Zoning Specialist II