

**PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING**

Members Present: Howard Balzer, Christopher Finn, Glen Hymer, Hulda Moffitt, and Judy Stalter

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dana Scott, zoning clerk; Pam Williams, alternate BZA

Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Balzer asked for a motion to approve or correct the October 27, 2009, Prairie Township Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Stalter asked for a correction on page 2, paragraph 3, line 3: the word “conversation” as written should be “conservation.”

Ms. Stalter made a motion to approve the October 27, 2009, Zoning Commission Minutes as corrected. Mr. Finn seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows:

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| 1. Glen Hymer | Aye |
| 2. Hulda Moffitt | Aye |
| 3. Judy Stalter | Aye |
| 4. Christopher Finn | Aye |
| 5. Howard Balzer | Aye |

The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Township Court Case Against Resident

Ms. Scott stated that the Township has filed a case in Franklin County Municipal Court Environmental Division against David M. Seeger for illegal dumping of landfill on multiple acres of his property. Mr. Seeger’s property is located at 6284 Alkire Road, Galloway, Ohio 43119 (Alkire & Galloway roads).

Ms. Williams said that she testified at the initial hearing which was held in Judge Harland Hale’s court. The two lawyers litigating the case met behind closed doors with Judge Hale. During the meeting an agreement was reached with Mr. Seeger that he would do nothing to further disturb the land on his property until the trial date. The trial is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., and will take one-half day.

The parties involved in the proceedings will convene at the site. This will give Judge Hale a feet-on-the-ground opportunity to see how high the earth has been piled above the elevation of both Alkire Road and Osborn Street. Because of Mr. Seeger’s extensive disturbance of his

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land, in the event of a hard rain, loads of dirt washing away and severe flooding are almost certain consequences.

Ms. Williams said that the Township's attorney cautioned that residents may not legally step foot on Mr. Seeger's land unless invited. However, he suggested that as many residents as possible encircle the property on January 4 as a demonstration to Judge Hale that they are genuinely concerned and believe their complaint is not a trivial matter.

December Meeting Rescheduled

Because of Christmas (Friday, December 25), Mr. Balzer asked Commission members and Zoning staff if they wanted to reschedule the regularly scheduled meeting on December 22, as it falls during the week of the holiday.

By consensus it was decided to move the December meeting one week ahead to Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Mr. Balzer announced that the next meeting of the Prairie Township Zoning Commission would be Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 23 Maple Drive.

There being no further business, Mr. Balzer adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hulda Moffitt, Secretary
Prairie Township Zoning Commission

