

**PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2009 MEETING**

(As corrected 05-26-09)

Members Present: Howard Balzer, Christopher Finn, Glen Hymer, Hulda Moffitt, and Chris Rymer (alternate)

Members Absent: Judy Stalter

Others Present: Dana Scott, Zoning Clerk; Pam Williams, Township BZA (alternate)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard Balzer at 3:00 p.m.

Alternate Seating:

Because Judy Stalter was absent, Mr. Balzer asked Chris Rymer, alternate, to be seated with the Zoning Commission.

Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Balzer asked for a motion to approve or correct the March 24, 2009 Prairie Township Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes.

As there were no corrections, Mr. Hymer moved to approve the March 24, 2009 Zoning Commission Minutes as written. Mr. Finn seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows:

1. Glen Hymer Aye
2. Hulda Moffitt Aye
3. Chris Rymer Aye
4. Christopher Finn Aye
5. Howard Balzer Aye

The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Meeting with Attorney on PUD

Ms. Scott said that Connie Swisher was meeting today with Don Brosius, attorney, regarding changes that need to be made to Article 13, Planned United Development, in the Township Zoning Resolution.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Ms. Scott provided the Zoning Commission with updates on recent commercial activity in the Township:

Medical Office Condominiums on Medfield Way

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A variance application concerning the property at 4900 Medfield Way will be heard by the Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) at its May 12 meeting. The owner, 4930 West Broad Street, LLC, plans to renovate and convert the current warehouse space into medical office condominiums.

The applicant, Gary Gitlitz with Adams, Babner & Gitlitz, LLC (attorneys-at-law), is seeking a variance from the provisions of Section 930, Table 2 Dimensional Requirements, to permit a zero foot setback of an existing structure for the purpose of a lot split and the creation of a new parcel located with a General Business District (GB).

Thai Express Restaurant on West Broad Street

A Thai Express restaurant is slated to move into the vacant, former Jelly Donuts location at 5095 West Broad Street.

Hometown Inn on West Broad Street

The Jade Kirin restaurant located at 4601 West Broad Street is unrelated to the Thai Express, even though it serves Thai cuisine. The Hometown Inn at this location is no longer in operation and is considered a "blighted" property.

Announcements:

Ms. Scott made the following announcements:

Township Spring Cleanup

The 2009 spring cleanup started on Saturday, April 25 and will continue through Saturday, May 2. Trash and tires can be disposed of in the dumpsters located at the Inah Avenue fire station (#241), and trash only can be disposed of in the dumpsters at the Hubbard Road fire station (#243). This year there will be no dumpsters at the Township Hall.

Township Trustees Approve Participation in Town Center Master Plan

At their April 22 meeting, the Trustees unanimously voted to participate in the Town Center Master Plan, the next step in the Big Darby Accord project. Columbus, Franklin County, and Brown Township have also agreed to participate. The agreement the Township entered into means that it will share the cost of hiring Urban Design Associates to design a development plan for the Town Center.

The Town Center will be located between Amity and Hubbard roads.

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Next Meeting:

Mr. Balzer announced that the next meeting of the Prairie Township Zoning Commission would be Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 23 Maple Drive.

There being no further business, Mr. Balzer adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hulda Moffitt, Secretary
Prairie Township Zoning Commission

