

BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MINUTES of January 15, 2014

Brimfield Town Hall Meeting Room – 1333 Tallmadge Road, Kent

Present: President Bruce Knippenberg Scott Etling
Ed Shuttly Vince Murdocco Vice President Lisa Cotton

Present Alternate: Cheryl Rueschman

Absent: NONE

Staff: Dick Messner, Zoning Inspector
Wendi O’Neal, Zoning Secretary

Bruce Knippenberg calls the Wednesday, January 15, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Zoning Inspector, **Dick Messner**, would like to take over to do the organizational meeting first.

Dick Messner does roll call:

Cotton = absent **Etling** = Here **Knippenberg** = Here
Murdocco = Here **Shuttly** = Here **Rueschman** = Here

First Call for nominations for *President Chairman* for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Scot Etling nominates the current *President Chairman Bruce Knippenberg*.

MOTION#2014-0001

A motion is made to nominate **Bruce Knippenberg** for *President Chairman* of the Zoning Appeals Board, seconded by **Ed Shuttly**.

MOTION#2014-0002

A motion is made to close first call of nominations is made by **Bruce Knippenberg** and seconded by **Scot Etling**.

Second call being NONE, motion is closed.

Third call being NONE, motion is closed.

Call of Roll for *Chairman President*:

Cotton = absent **Etling** = Yes **Knippenberg** = Yes
Murdocco = Yes **Shuttly** = Yes **Rueschman** = Yes

Bruce Knippenberg remains *Chairman President* of Board of Zoning Appeals for the calendar year of 2014.

Bruce Kippenberg opens up with first call for nominations of *Vice President* of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Vince Murdocco nominates **Lisa Cotten**.

MOTION#2014-0003

A motion is made by **Vince Murdocco** to nominate **Lisa Cotten** for *Vice President* of the Board of Zoning Appeals, which is seconded by **Scot Etling**.

MOTION#2014-0004

A motion is made by **Vince Murdocco** to close the first call of nominations for *Vice President*, seconded by **Cheryl Rueschman**. Motion carries.

Bruce Knippenberg calls for second nomination call, which is NONE. Second call closes.

Bruce Knippenberg calls for third nomination call, being NONE, third call closes.

Roll Call is done for a vote on **Lisa Cotten** for *Vice Chair*:

Cotton = absent **Etling** = Yes **Knippenberg** = Yes
Murdocco = Yes **Shuttly** = Yes **Rueschman** = Yes

Motion carries. **Lisa Cotten** is name *Vice President Chair* of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the calendar year of 2014.

MOTION#2014-0005

A motion is made by **Scot Etling**, seconded by **Vince Murdocco** to accept the Agenda for the January 15, 2014 Meeting. Motion carries. Extra copies are on the podium.

MOTION #2014-0006

A motion is made by **Scot Etling** to accept the November 2013 minutes, seconded by **Vince Murdocco**. Motion carries.

Lisa Cotten arrives at 7:07 to take her seat, **Cheryl Rueschman** to revert to alternate.

It is questioned and agreed with everyone that the Board will continue each month's meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

Wendi O'Neal, the Zoning Secretary, goes over the small changes to the minutes for the future. The minutes with now have numbered motions. Everything with action items will be verbatim. The minutes will also have typed out each person's name under the signature lines.

Dick Messner talks about the new finalized draft of the amendment to the Zoning Resolution Section 520.00 – 520.09 Non-conforming Building and Structures, paying particular attention to 520.04.

It is explained that the Public Hearing is scheduled for the next Zoning Commission Meeting which is, the second Thursday of the month, Thursday, February 13, 2014. In which the Public Hearing would start at 7:00 pm and then the regular scheduled meeting would start at 7:20 pm.

The process is explained. Once the amendment goes through the Public Hearing process from the Zoning Commission, they send their recommendations to the Trustees, to set their public hearing date that has to be between 20 and 40 days to act on the Zoning Commission Recommendations. If the timing is right, we will get from the Thursday to the next Wednesday's Trustee's meeting. Trustee's then set a Public Hearing of their own, and that will probably be a month there. Then they would vote on it. The only thing that has changed in the law is that the Trustees now have the ability to turn it down or pass it, with just a majority vote. There is a thirty day grace period for anybody that wants to challenge it legally. It is a 4 to 6 month process. Mr. Messner states that probably by April this should be passed into law and legal. That it would help out a lot of people that are trying to refinance their homes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mr. Messner briefs the Board of having a joint meeting with the Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the County Prosecutor, Chris Meduri. Discussion, mini-training, question answered that may come up.

Mr. Messner briefs the Board on the legal cases. Dean's status hearing set for this week. Fioritto status hearing set for this Friday.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION#2014-0007

A motion is made by **Scot Etling** to adjourn the Wednesday, January 15, 2014 meeting, seconded by **Lisa Cotten** at 7:35 PM.

President Bruce Knippenberg

Vice Lisa Cotten

Scot Etling

Vince Murdocco

Ed Shutty

Secretary Wendi O'Neal

Alternate: Cheryl Rueschman