

Meeting Minutes – Olmsted Township Board of Zoning Appeals

Date: April 20, 2016

Attendance: Thomas Cole, David Gareau, Cindy Kelly, Gregory Paradis, John Phillips
Alternate Ken Barbarino
Tammy Tabor, Acting Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call

Trustee Jeanene Kress introduced John Cheatham and Steve Vogel with the management company Safebuilt. Safebuilt will be the management company contracted by the Board of Trustees to run the building department beginning May 1, 2015.

Lisa Zver was introduced as the new Trustee appointed to the Board to replace the vacancy when Sherri Lippus resigned in 2015.

Mr. Gareau moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2016. Second: Ms. Kelly

Roll call: Tom Cole- abstain, John Phillips- abstain, Ms. Kelly-yes, Mr. Gareau-yes, Mr. Paradis-yes.

Application 20160208 Conditional Use
26937 Bagley Road – Digital message board

Dr. Jim Lloyd was sworn in representing the Olmsted Falls School District as the superintendent.

Dr. Lloyd: The school board is looking to provide a better way to communicate with the community and the students. Students leave school walk toward Bagley Road, the immediacy of information is not good with the current sign. We do not want to light up Bagley Road and do not want to infringe on our neighbors. We would like to talk to any residents who are not happy with the school. The current sign will remain the same location and size. The message board is the only part of the sign that will be changed.

Mr. Cole: Are there set times for the sign to be on.

Dr. Lloyd: We anticipate the sign to be in use from 7:00 am – 9:00 PM. Not intended for all night. When events were going on.

Randy Eiffert was sworn in representing Wilson Sign Co.

Mr. Eiffert: The sign is programmable and will allow for times when the sign is on or off. The illumination may be adjusted for brightness and the motion control is programmable as well.

Dr. Lloyd: The sign is for convenience and immediacy of providing information.

Tom Dipert was sworn in representing the Board of Education, in charge of grounds and maintenance.

Mr. Dipert: The sign will remain the same size.

Ms. Kelly: Will the sign be used for school messages and will they be rotating messages?

Dr. Lloyd: Some community messages will be placed on the sign. The number of messages has not been determined yet. The intent is not to rent or sell space on the sign.

Mr. Eiffert: Our company recommends 6-10 messages in a sequence that can be held or paused, each message can be programmed differently.

Mr. Phillips: Who is responsible for the messages?

Dr. Lloyd: The tech department will be responsible. The messages are password protected.

Mr. Eiffert: We encourage schools to introduce the software and work with students.

Mike Sampsel 26926 Bagley Road was sworn in. What is the intensity of the light? There is a tremendous amount of light coming from the school. Dr. Lloyd

Mr. Eiffert: Nit is a measure of candelas per sq. meter. The range is proposed to be 4000-6000 nit, 10,000 nit is average for most existing signs, it is adjustable

Mr. Sampsel: Can you give a comparison?

Mr. Eiffert: The candelas are measured by square meter, so it varies based on the distance from the sign.

Mr. Cole: Will it be one color or multi-colored?

Dr. Lloyd: It will have the capability for multi-color.

Mr. Gareau: Concerns of the residents for the sign to flash or scroll?

Mr. Eiffert: We encourage our users to use the immediate function. No flashing or movement to the sign.

Dr. Lloyd: 30 inches tall and 10 feet long.

MR. Eiffert: Most of the communities we work with, the 95% code specifies no video or movement.

John Allen 26922 Bagley was sworn in. I live within the sight line of the school. From sun up to sun down is a good idea. Majority of the drivers on Bagley Road are new drivers still learning many distractions. Traffic situation, living near the school. Great place to live, good students. The last thing needed is young eyes off the road. I would strongly suggest as few messages as possible.

Mr. Eiffert: Pause time, maximum brightness and scroll time are determined by the zoning codes. What you put on the sign determines the brightness. White background and dark letters are a brighter sign, black background and red letters are not as bright.

Dr. Lloyd: I don't know how you convert lumens to candelas. We do not want to irritate the neighbors. The school will experiment with hues and colors and work with the sign developer to achieve a good balance.

Mr. Allen: Are there any plans for additional LED lighting at the school?

Mr. Dipert: The school is in the process of changing all of the lights to LED at the High School.

Mr. Allen: on the high light poles?

Mr. Dipert: those are controlled by CEI.

Mr. Allen: Like to see high pressure sodium lights replaced.

Mr. Cole: that discussion is not part of the application, we need to get back on subject.

Dr. Lloyd: we will talk to Mr. Allen after the meeting.

Mr. Paradis: would there be any reason to have the sign on between the hours of 9 pm – 3:30 am?

Dr. Lloyd: if classes are cancelled or emergency messages are needed.

Mr. Cole: I don't know if there are any regulations regarding hours of operation.

Mr. Gareau moved to approve the application. Seconded by Mr. Paradis.

Roll call: all approved

Mr. Cole adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.