

DEVELOPMENTAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE

July 11, 2023

The Developmental Controls Committee of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street Lima, Ohio.

For the good of the order, attendance was called and a quorum present, Chuck Schierloh brought the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Ms. Kim Stiles	Allen County
Mr. Jerry Gilden	Marion Township
Mr. Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Mr. Mark Bishop	American Township
Mr. Ron Meyer	ACSEO
Mr. Chuck Schierloh	City of Lima
Mr. Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mr. Rick Keller	Spencer Township
Ms. Beth Seibert	Allen County

GUESTS

STAFF

Mr. Adam Haunhorst	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Shaunna Basinger	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 52 (7-11-23) DCC

Steve Ewing made the motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Beth Seibert, the motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF DCC MINUTES – June 20, 2023

Motion 53 (7-11-23) DCC

Kevin Cox made the motion that the DCC minutes of June 20, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Steve Ewing; motion carried.

4. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: AMERICAN TOWNSHIP ZONING AMENDMENT, EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Mr. Haunhorst presented the American Township Zoning Amendment, Exterior Property Maintenance Code stating that the DCC committee is not recommending approval but offering comment. Mr. Haunhorst went on to share the four comments: 1) 22.4.17 (d)- changing, “2023 Administrative Fee Schedule” to, “Current Administrative Fee Schedule” to avoid having to revise the document in the future (reported as corrected by Mr. Bishop) 2) 22.4.17 (f)(4) – Is the reference to Lima City Prosecutor’s Office correct, or should that be to The Allen County Persecutors Office? (Answer: yes) 3) 22.5.15 (a) – The font of the word Seventy-two is different from the rest of the document. 4) Staff recommends a review of the document to correct spelling and grammatical errors. For instance, the consistent use of a hyphen when listing number values. Additionally, please review to ensure that numbers have both written and numerical representation.

Mr. Gilden questioned how many townships in Allen County had a property maintenance code, Mr. Haunhorst answered that Shawnee and American Township do as well as the Cities and Villages. Mr. Cox questioned if the maintenance code has been enforceable. Mr. Bishop responded yes and that they have successfully issued fines and citations and work with the city and county courts when needed. Mr. Gilden asked if the maintenance code has been beneficial in regards to cleaning up properties, and Mr. Bishop responded yes.

Mr. Cox questioned the cost of issuing citations and fines, Mr. Bishop responded that it has not been a burden yet they are always working to make the process more streamlined and cost-efficient.

Motion 54 (7-11-23) DCC

Kevin Cox made the motion to accept staff comments for American Township Zoning Amendment, Exterior Property Maintenance Code. Seconded by Jerry Gilden; motion carried. Bishop abstained.

5. OTHER

Ms. Basinger gave a reminder of the upcoming Open House opportunities for the LRTP taking place July 18th (RTA, 10-11:45 am) and 19th (LACRPC offices, 2-6 pm) and the two public meetings regarding the Floodplain Regulation amendments taking place at the Allen County Commissioners office, July 20th at 2 pm and 3 pm. Mr. Haunhorst stated that he will not be able to conduct the next DCC and Colleen Barry will be running the meeting in his absence.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 55 (7-11-23) DCC

Steve Ewing made the motion to adjourn Seconded by Kevin Cox; the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.