

**Quarterly Joint Meeting  
Between the  
Blair Township Board of Trustees  
Blair Township Planning Commission  
Blair Township Zoning Board of Appeals  
6:00 P.M.  
APPROVED**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Quarterly Joint Meeting was held at 6:00 P.M. on July 18, 2017 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Blonshine, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell, LaBonte, Mapes, McGee, Welch, Randall, Heim, Cascadden, Lombard, Boeve, Nickerson and McIntyre. Clous was excused. Also in attendance were Zoning Administrator Lindsey Wolf and 9 (nine) guests.

**BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT:**

Scott Ogden-5122 Silver Lake Shores, Garfield Township has concerns about septic inspections and keyholing regulations.

Lloyd Bartlett, 5109 Mobile Trail, spoke about the need for traffic lights at Blair Township Rd/ M-37 and Sawyer Rd. /US 31.

Dan DeVaun, 2727 Thompson Dr., in favor of Master Plan.

Lori Trailer, 783 E. Silver Lake Rd., in favor of Master Plan and has concerns about no parks/common areas in new developments.

Susan Pahl, 3048 W. Blair Townhall Rd, in favor of the Master Plan.

Barb Benson, 3838 Rustic Manor Ct., thanked all the Board Members for the time and consideration they have all put into the Master Plan.

Jim Schumuckal, 762 Windmill Lane, Garfield Township, stated that the Master Plan does control Special use Permits, not zoning.

Judy Porter, Real Estate Broker, spoke regarding lot sizes.

Scott Tilford, 5955 Village Dr. in favor of the Master Plan.

**BRIEF ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Board members introduced themselves and stated the position they represent on Town Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Commission.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

None stated.

**BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

- a. **Each member of the Planning Commission should be representing a separate important segment of the Community. Do all the members know what segment they are representing?**

Bob Boeve- (c) Agriculture  
Andy Nickerson- (h) Transportation  
George Lombard- (i) Environmental Health  
Jerry Heim- (h) Road Commission  
Lori LaBonte-(e) Educational Interest and (f) recreation and tourism interests.  
Dennis Fitzpatrick- (j)Board of Trustees

- b. **Discussion regarding clarity in meeting, motions and minutes**

Zoning Administrator Lindsey Wolf stated that when making a motion make sure they are from the Zoning Ordinance with correct criteria and reflected in minutes correctly. Clerk Wolfgang suggested that Board Members to write down their motions and share with Recording Secretary.

Clerk Wolfgang discussed a situation at the last Planning Commission Meeting, she distributed to all members a Township Board Meetings booklet from MTA.

- c. **Discussion on the importance of and the requirement of at least 3 hours of specific training a year (as mentioned in the Bylaws).**

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members are required to take 3 hrs. of training per a year.

- d. **Township Master Plan Discussion – Presentation by Treasurer Campbell**

Treasurer Campbell presented a slide show regarding components of a Master Plan. Zoning Administrator Lindsey Wolf will amend language for variance standards.

A new Blair Township Community Survey was presented. There was discussion about putting survey on website, door to door, mass mailing and Township Offices.

- e. **Distribute and Discuss Updated Bylaws**

Zoning Administrator Lindsey Wolf discussed the updated Bylaws.

**f. Any other Discussion Board Members feel is necessary**

Planning Commission member Lori LaBonte stated her disappointment that no one showed up to Planning Commission Meetings or Public Hearings while they were working on the Master Plan.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Barb Benson 3838 Rustic Manor Ct., would like to have current zoning with overlay of proposed zoning in the Master Plan.

Dan Devaun 2727 Thompson Dr., stated that they felt rushed, had little time to read information that was presented and slow to receive the information needed for the Master Plan.

Jim Schumuckal 762 Windmill Lane, stated that quality businesses will increase Blair Township's perception.

Bill Clous 5523 Hannah Rd., discussed lot sizes and utilities regarding current developments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:45pm



Jane Beuthin  
Deputy Clerk