

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Hearing and Regular Meeting held at Licking Township Fire Station #600 at 6:30 p.m. on October 5, 2026.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes, Smith, yes; Lynch, yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was recorded.

Those in attendance were sworn in.

Others Present: Kinsey Lynch; Nancy Geiger; Edna Latham; Kevin McConaha; Courtney McConaha; Paul Matthews; Jon Lynch (**); Danny Guerin(**); Krista Guerin(**); Dave Moraine (*); Randy Wince (*)

(*) Present but did not sign in

(**) Arrived at 7:00 p.m. and were not sworn in

Mr. Cormican led the hearing.

Mrs. Lynch read the legal advertisement.

Mr. Matthews read the Licking Township Zoning Commission letter of recommendation.

Mr. Cormican asked if the Board had any questions. There were none.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 6:37 pm.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes

Mr. Cormican made a motion to open the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes.

Mrs. Lynch noted that no correspondence was received on the map change amendment. Mrs. Lynch suggested that the Board ask for public comments on the matter even though the hearing was closed.

Mr. Cormican asked the public for comment. There was none.

Mr. Cormican made the following motion:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LICKING TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM Residential District (R) TO General Business District (GB)

WHEREAS, an application for a zoning map amendment was filed by Applicant Courtney McConaha, on behalf of owners Kevin & Courtney McConaha, for their property located at 3874 Ridgely Tract Road, Newark, OH 43055 Parcel ID Number 041-118194-00.000 within Licking Township; and

WHEREAS, the applicant requested to amend the Official Zoning Map by rezoning approximately +/-15.7 acres of land, more fully described in the attached Legal Description (Exhibit A), from Residential District (R) to General Business District (GB) and

WHEREAS, the application was forwarded to the Licking County Planning Commission, which reviewed the proposal at its meeting on 7/27/2026 and issued a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Licking Township Zoning Commission, after publishing required public notice, held public hearings on 7/09/26; 7/16/26; and 8/06/26 and voted to recommend the proposed map change to the Board of Township Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Licking Township Board of Trustees, in accordance with the notification requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 519.12, held a public hearing on 10/05/2026 to review the application, map amendments, and all public commentary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees finds that the proposed zoning map change aligns with the public health, safety, and general welfare of Licking Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Licking Township, Licking County, State of Ohio, that:

1. **Adoption of Map Change:** The recommendation of the Licking Township Zoning Commission is hereby **ADOPTED**, and the Licking Township Official Zoning Map is officially amended to rezone the property described in Exhibit A from Residential (R) to General Business District (GB)
2. **Implementation:** In accordance with the Licking Township Zoning Resolution, the Township Zoning Inspector is authorized and directed to provide a copy of this resolution and attached legal description (Exhibit A) to the Licking Township Planning Commission for their update to the Official Zoning Map to reflect this change upon its final effective date and to obtain 2 copies of said updated Official Zoning Map to be presented to the Licking Township Trustees for signatures.
3. **Effective Date:** Per Ohio statutory law, this resolution and map amendment shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption, subject to Ohio referendum provisions. The map amendment will be effective 11-04-26.
4. **Compliance with Open Meetings Law:** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting, and that all deliberations that resulted in such formal actions occurred in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws ([ORC Section 121.22](#)).

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes.

Mrs. Lynch said the map amendment will be effective 11/04/26 and that the Official Zoning Map will be signed at a future meeting once obtained by the Zoning Inspector.

Minutes of the 9/21/26 meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve bills totaling \$164,274.71.

Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Smith, yes; Miller, yes; Cormican, yes.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Fiscal Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Quarterly Collateral Sufficiency Report & Credit Card Report
- 2) Medical Mutual of Ohio letter re: 2024 & 2025 rebate 80/20 rule
- 3) AEP Conesville-Millersport Transmission Line Project – Open House at Cherry Valley Lodge Event Center 10/14/26

Mr. Moraine gave a Zoning Update. There were 3 permits issued as follows:

- Rickey Wilson & Jenna Bourne – 10554 Columbus Ave - House \$240.00
- Stephen & Victoria White – 326 Lakeshore – House - \$565.00

Mr. Moraine reported status of certified letters for sign violations. The Board suggested that if they can not be hand delivered, to contact the LCPO for assistance.

Mr. Moraine provided a recap of zoning violations and status:

- Rosella Lynn – 216 Summit – will be resolved once manufactured home set
- Ronald Moore – 103 Fairview – lot needs cleaned up and block garage is dangerous. Mr. Cormican said he believes it needs torn down, will discuss with LTFC to see if they deem it unsafe, and should be discussed with the LC Land Bank.

Mr. Cormican inquired about Freas Property - 10909 Columbus Avenue – 4th car has been added. Suggested Mr. Moraine send a certified letter for remediation.

Mr. Cormican suggested Mr. Moraine send a follow-up letter for the Furney Property - 5672 Cristland Hill.

Mr. Cormican relayed a conversation with ZC Chairman Paul Matthews regarding putting Legend Valley area on their agenda and work on zoning language which may include hiring a consultant. Mr. Cormican said that LTWP needs to consider controlling size.

Mr. Miller reported the Road Dept is obtaining estimates for tree trimming in Jacksontown Cemetery.

Mr. Miller presented an estimate from Paul Peterson Company for replacement and repairs to be made to a guardrail damaged on Davis Rd/Licking Trails Road. A discussion took place.

Mr. Cormican made a motion that the LTWP Trustees accept the estimate from Paul Peterson Company in the amount of \$9300.00 as presented and upon payment to the vendor, LTWP will attempt to recover reimbursement from the motorist/motorist's insurance.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes.

Mr. Miller reported Harbor Hills has requested that 2 access areas on Amherst leading to the lake, be designated by LTWP as golf cart only. A discussion took place. The Board concurred that these are not owned by LTWP and Harbor Hills needs to contact Licking County.

Mr. Cormican reported the culvert has washed out on Avon Place. Mr. Miller will have the Road Dept address the matter.

Public Comment:

- 1) Andrea Lynch - 8332 Licking Trails Road -addressed the Board. Mrs. Lynch requested the Township Trustees consider an 18 month moratorium on data centers in LTWP. She said that this request is based on The Energy Cooperative natural gas pipeline project being constructed on the west side of LTWP and stopping on route 40 west of Lakewood Middle School coupled with the AEP Conesville-Millersport Transmission Project entering the eastern portion of LTWP traveling west parallel to I-70 through LTWP with connection to the Millersport substation. Mrs. Lynch said the moratorium would allow the township time to adequately research and plan. A discussion took place. Mr. Smith said he is opposed to data centers in LTWP and he thought that this was discussed in the spring and was uncertain why nothing has been presented. Mr. Miller said he liked the idea of a moratorium to allow the township to make informed decisions on the matter. Mr. Cormican said he was drafting a moratorium. Mrs. Lynch provided the Board with an 18 month moratorium she had written. The Board reviewed the document. Mr. Cormican said he would consider a 12 month but not an 18 month. The Board thanked Mrs. Lynch for her presentation and will discuss at a future meeting. Mrs. Lynch thanked the Board for their consideration and said she will be back to discuss the matter.
- 2) Mr. Moraine stated that the Manufacturing Districts zoning regulations needs reviewed.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7:35 pm
Mr. Smith seconded the motion.
Roll call: 3 ayes

Attest

October 5, 2026