

**SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP
ZONING COMMISSION – PUBLIC HEARING**

Monday, July 24, 2023 – media notified

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Koncal at 7:00 p.m.

R/C: Dr. Woodruff-present; Chasar-present; Lachina-present; Dr. Koncal-present; Witkiewicz-present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the public hearing is the zoning commission of Sagamore Hills Township has proposed changes to Section Seven Supplementary Regulations regarding wind powered generators and steel containers. At a meeting following the public hearing, but not necessarily the same evening, the zoning commission will then consider and take final action on the above zoning resolution changes.

A legal notice was published for this meeting in the Akron Beacon Journal on July 13, 2023.

Dr. Koncal said a letter was received from Summit County Planning approving both changes to Section Seven.

Ms. Taylor said that Mr. Snell asked her to tell the board to omit his recommended change to letter J. and to leave it the way it was.

Dr. Koncal stated the purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to discuss the proposed change to Section Seven regarding wind powered generators; wind powered turbines and associated facilities that may or may not generate energy. The township attorney has asked the board to pull that off the table now and not make a change to the original statement. The original statement is “wind powered generators; wind powered turbines and associated facilities”.

Dr. Koncal asked whether there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.

Dr. Koncal stated the second proposed change is “Section M. No shipping containers, cargo containers, ISO containers, Intermodal containers, box truck beds, or similar structures may be used as a primary or accessory structure.”

The issue of shipping containers was originally brought up by the zoning inspector as we have had a couple of shipping containers show up in the township. Once they are there it is hard to get rid of them. Dr. Koncal stated it is the board’s intention to say no to these structures in the future.

Dr. Koncal asked whether there were any comments from the public. Ms. Kelly asked whether the people that have them were told they could have them and can they keep them. Dr. Koncal replied no one has been told they can have them. They just showed up. They can probably keep them because they are grandfathered in.

Carol Lewis asked whether any of the descriptive terms cover the truck from a semi-truck if you took the tractors off the trailer. There was a brief discussion. Dr. Koncal said Ms. Lewis made a good point. Dr. Woodruff suggested the wording of semi-truck trailers. Dr. Koncal suggested putting semi-truck trailers after box truck beds.

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Ms. Hull, 2325 Commerce Park, Beachwood, asked how many of the steel containers do we have in the township. Mr. Fantozzi replied just a handful. Mr. Fantozzi said the steel containers came up because when he questioned the county, the county said to authorize them they require a restructural analysis of the container. By the time the container is put on the property and a restructural analysis is performed it would deter someone from putting the container on their property.

Dr. Koncal replied that some of the smaller structures, like the box truck beds, would not need a county permit. That is why we have eliminated them.

Dr. Koncal asked whether there were any further comments on shipping containers, cargo containers, ISO containers, Intermodal containers, box truck beds, semi-truck trailers or similar structures that may be used as a primary or accessory structure. There were no further comments.

Dr. Woodruff made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Witkiewicz. R/C: all in favor