

## Peru TWP Zoning Meeting Minutes for 10/2/2025

Present: Eric Coffee, Harold Wiebe, Susan DeVol, Brian Dye, and Tony DiNovo

Excused: Elisa

Guest: Steve Lisko, Stephen Lisko, Jamie Brucker

Meeting called to order by Tony at 7:00pm.

Jamie explained the history of the Peru Twp sewer system and its recent improvement to eliminate spraying farmland. He also talked about the breach of the pipeline and the issue with the pumping station. They have installed a pump to resolve the issue. The lagoon can treat up to 300K gallons a day but they are only licensed for 145K per day; it averages about 90K per day. He also shared H&M's plan for expanding buildings behind the Dollar Tree on Fishburn land. Jamie presented a map displaying where he believes that Fishburn may want zoned light industrial. The county is considering putting in the road between SR 61 and CR 218 but in phases as the warehouses are built. He heard that the 23/71 connector was going to be south of 229 and mainly in Delaware County. There are 11,000 people who leave Morrow County to work elsewhere, so Jamie is seeking businesses that will hire and keep those people here. Jamie said that not having zoning really discourages growth - banks won't lend money because there is no zoning. Jamie said that township zoning provides a baseline for homeowners so the trustees can't make up their own definitions of, for example, what is a blighted area or how many cars are too many.

Stephen Lisko said that Marengo Lakes are considered 'agri-tourism'. He invited the Commission out during their fall festival; we should ask for the Liskos who will give us a tour of the property. He said they were talking to Elm Valley Fire about providing a dry hydrant (large pipe that leads to the bottom of a lake) for fire-fighting purposes.

Eric said the Trustees told him that they were not going to reject the zoning map if it allowed Lisko's land to be considered Special Use.

The minutes of 09/04/2025 were approved as amended.

**Brian moved to change the zoning map so that the Fishburn property that extends from 61 to 218, where the warehouses are, is all made a Light Industrial District; Susan seconded; motion carried.**

**Eric moved to add Planned Residential and Telecommunications to Signs; Brian seconded; motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeVol