

Peru TWP Zoning Meeting Minutes for 1/5/2025

Meeting called to order by Tony at 7:02pm.

Present: Eric Coffee, Elisa Kinney, Harold Wiebe, Susan DeVol, and Tony DiNovo, Stephen Berezansky

Excused: Brian Dye

The minutes of November 6 and December 4 were accepted as presented.

Discussed Zoning Map. Explained that Joe Clase used the watershed along Alum Creek as the boundary for zoning.

Tony informed group that he and Susan attended the Regional Planning Commission, who has endorsed the zoning resolution and map.

Discussed what we could do for the trustees' public hearing. We agreed that it should not be a repeat of the Zoning Commission's public hearing. We thought we could suggest to the Trustees that the ZC present a high-level overview. We will also have copies of the resolution and map. Susan will develop the overview; Stephen has agreed to present it.

Tony will ask the Trustees whether they want the postcards mailed; if so, they need the new date label put on them.

Tony said we should try to get support from community stakeholders, such as Commissioners, Jamie Brucker, Fishburn, local businesses, social media, etc. For example, we could ask Fishburn if he would allow us to put signs on his property and donate funds for signs. Eric bought 50 signs for somewhere around \$300. Elisa brought a few suggestions for a sign; Tony said we should bring other ideas to our next meeting.

Tony said that at the last trustees' meeting, a question was raised about a joint meeting with Peru, Bennington, and Marengo for an industrial park. This would create a RITA tax, and Peru would benefit from it. Eric thought this has nothing to do with zoning.

Tony will inform the Trustees that the zoning resolution and map have to be filed with the Board of Elections at least 90 days before the May 5 primary. This means that they have to vote on it no later than February 3.

Stephen read a report from Gongwer that Gov DeWine has signed a bill to allow for more housing in rural areas. Apparently counties, municipal corporations, and townships with populations below 75,000 can apply for these loans of up to \$30,000 per home.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/ Susan DeVol /