



Geauga County Planning Commission

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December 10, 2024

Ms. Sarah Mulleman, Secretary
Auburn Township Zoning Commission
11010 Washington Street
Auburn, Ohio 44023

Re: Proposed Zoning Amendment ZC 2024-02
Initiated on November 14, 2024, by the Auburn Township Zoning Commission

Please be advised that the Geauga County Planning Commission at its meeting held on December 10, 2024, voted to recommend approval with modifications of the proposed Auburn Township Zoning Amendment ZC 2024-02 as initiated by the Auburn Township Zoning Commission on November 14, 2024. These are the exact same recommendations from the previous amendment submitted as ZC 2024-01.

- Article 2, Definitions
 - a. Recommend the language "...located on privately owned real property..." in the proposed "Cemetery, Family" definition be reviewed with the Township's APA as the wording is not included in the Ohio Revised Code Section 4767.02(D).
- Article 5, Section 5.03(a)(2) Conditional Uses
 - a. Recommend the Township investigate the proposed requirement that a burial ground be set back a minimum of two hundred (200) feet from a potable water well. First, "burial ground" is not defined and is open to interpretation as to whether it is measured from the property line or gravesite. Second, recommend the Township confirm with Geauga Public Health to verify the minimum distance required from a water well (referred to as "isolation distance").
- Otherwise, the Planning Commission recommended to not add "family cemeteries" as proposed to the various sections of the resolution but rather the Board of Township Trustees pass a resolution stating they strongly encourage the recording of an affidavit of fact regarding the exact location of the family cemetery. That resolution can then be provided if anyone asks about establishing a family cemetery and be posted to the Township's website.

Pursuant to R.C. 519.12, the Planning Commission's recommendation must be considered by the Zoning Commission at its public hearing regarding the proposed amendment. After the hearing, the recommendation is to be forwarded to the Board of Township Trustees. If the subject amendment is adopted by the Board of Township Trustees, a copy thereof must be provided to this office within five (5) business days after its effective date. Additionally, if the amendment is adopted, once effective, remember to update the zoning resolution located on the Township's website.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Commission at (440) 279-1740.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Crombie".

Linda M. Crombie, AICP
Planning Director, Geauga County Planning Commission

c: Susan Wieland, APA
Amendment file