Monroe Township Zoning Committee

On Monday July 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm a public hearing was held at the Monroe Township Hall to consider rezoning a property at 12416 Johnstown-Utica Road. The property (Parcel ID: 052-172722-00.000) is currently zoned (R-1) Residential. The property owner made application to rezone to (M-1) Light Manufacturing. The applicant wishes to rezone the property to allow future development for anything allowable under current (M-1) in a Light Manufacturing District.

At the meeting there were about 10 concerned visitors, 5 zoning committee members, and Woody Fox (Zoning Inspector) present to listen and participate in views presented.

The public hearing was opened with introductions and an explanation of why the meeting was called. The letter of recommendation was submitted on the same property in 2017 and 2023 from the Licking County Planning Commission was discussed. The non-binding recommendation was for denial of the rezoning to (M-1) Light Manufacturing due to not in conformance with either the Monroe Township Comprehensive Plan and/or the Future Land Use Map for Monroe Township.

Several residents of the township spoke at the Zoning Committee Public Hearing. Most residents spoke in favor of the rezoning from Residential to Light Manufacturing. Mr. Kidwell, owner of the property, told the attendees that the property would be resold.

After all discussion was heard at the Public Meeting on July 8th 2024 a vote was taken by the Zoning Committee on the issue to rezone the property at 12416 Johnstown-Utica Road. The vote was (4-1) to accept/deny the rezoning from Residential to Light Manufacturing. The Public Hearing was ajorned at approximately 7:00pm. Therefore, the Township Zoning Committee recommends to the Township Trustees to approve the rezoning based on their own judgement with the facts presented.

Mike Tedrick – Committee Chair July 14th 2024