

Zoning approved car dealership

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GALENA — As promised, The Gazette has taken a deeper dive into some of Berkshire Township's recent meetings.

Zoning Commission

- Vocon Partners LLC Mercedes Dealership continued its Planned Mixed Use Development request (from July 11) on Aug. 1. The applicant requested a 65-foot pylon sign (in comparison the Burger King sign is 110 feet). They would also build a “Welcome to Berkshire Township” sign at their cost. After questions from the commission, the application was approved by a 3-2 vote.

The commission also approved changes to Article 17 of the Zoning Resolution. “It was explained that the changes allow for a wider range of eating and drinking establishments and wider definition of healthcare services,” the minutes said. Finally, a lot-split was approved for a South Galena Road residence.

The Zoning Commission consists of Matt Allen, Andy Kerr, Jon Kerr, Damita Peery, Austin Slattery and alternate Philip Pifer. Zoning Inspector David Weade and Meeting Secretary Alison Newton were also in attendance.

Trustees

- Prior to taking legislative actions on June 10, the trustees heard a presentation from Andy Volenik of Delaware County Transit and asked him questions about the new FLEX Service zone in Sunbury, starting in October. Volenik described it as a “public service Uber.” The trustees also heard an update from Ali Hillier of the Delaware Public Health District.

The Berkshire Township trustees are Mike Dattilo, Paul Disantis and Rod Myers. Other officials are Fiscal Officer Melody George, Township Administrator Tyler Lane and Meeting Secretary Donielle Owen.

Board of Zoning Appeals

- The BZA meeting on June 26 had two variance requests for backyard setbacks, which were unanimously approved.

The BZA consists of Chair Kim Zianno Hartman, Dorothy Kerr, Scott Lillie, Tony Lonigro, James Spurrier and alternate Ellen Ebe.

Other committees

Berkshire's Parks Committee consists of Trustee Paul Disantis, Jessica Duvall, Jen Flanders, Fred Grunewald, Adam Miller, Lesley Shryock and Michelle Slawinski.

The steering committee for the 36/71 Gateway Enhancement and Zoning Initiative project is Jon Kerr (Zoning), Kim Zianno Hartman (BZA), Fred Grunewald (parks committee), Ryan Bowling and Maria Sobota (township residents).

The Township Hall is at 1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena. For more information, visit berkshiretwp.org and www.planberkshiretwp.info (websites); Berkshire Township, Ohio (Facebook) or YouTube.