

Village of Kirkersville
Zoning and Planning Board Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023

Opening: Dave Engel called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Terry Ashcraft, Dave Engel, Todd Merry, and Vicki Coe.

Also present were Jack Christy and Vicki Coe, as clerk.

Motion to Approve Minutes of September 27, 2023: 1st by Terry Ashcraft; 2nd by Todd Merry. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 4; nay, 0. Minutes are approved.

Public Poll: Mark Davis, 9560 Loop Rd., asked if residential lot sizes have been decided. Dave answered that the recommendation to Council will be for a minimum of 2-acre gross per house in developments, with houses on 1-acre lots.

Board Discussion on the presentation by Randy Stoll of the Speedway traffic study.

Randy: His understanding is that the biggest item is whether the truck access onto Outville Rd will be a forced right turn. Dave said the developers are adamant not to put it in, the Board is adamant they do.

Randy: Outville Rd in that stretch is closed to trucks for a good reason. As it approaches the traffic light, it goes up a steep incline with buildings close to the road, and it's dangerous to make a turn there, maybe impossible. Trucks are supposed to take the 158 bypass. I recommend the Board pursue a right turn only. If it is right turn only, it will force trucks that way. There should be some signs there saying trucks no left turn.

Todd has pictures of the curb cut at another Speedway on Rt 23, south of Delaware. It is the exact replica of what they plan to build here. It has a forced turn on diesel pumps only. Todd has video of 26-28% increase of truck traffic, both directions, on Outville Rd in one month.

Terry: Do they have to make a curb cut or provide signs. Randy said he will ask for both.

Randy recommended to revisit the ordinance, penalties, and enforcement. Terry said it's a good ordinance, with a \$250 fine he thinks. Signs are posted to not go south. The County owns northbound. Harrison Township finally agreed to meet with the County.

Todd: Can there be an enforcement agreement to allow the Village to enforce the county road? Terry didn't think so. Dave says trucks must pull over into oncoming traffic to turn. Jack said Groveport has solar-powered, flashing-lighted signage that states no trucks and the fine.

Todd was told by County Engineer that no one has been killed on that road. Terry said in 1978 at Loop Rd & Outville, 2 little boys on bicycles were hit and lost their lives. Then in the 1980s on Keller Rd, a young woman u-turned and was hit by a truck and killed.

Dave: Would Speedway pay for those signs? Randy believes so, and thinks it would be a good idea to have them at the Speedway and further up in the Village.

Vicki: Are there signs on Main St. at the light saying trucks cannot turn south? Terry said no, but that would be ODOT, and they aren't a problem to work with.

Dave: Another issue of trucks turning left onto Outville is it will snarl traffic and negatively impact traffic. Randy will work with the engineer for Speedway, for possibly another sign saying no entrance (for trucks, off Outville Rd into Speedway).

Todd: The Speedway engineer told him the traffic study was approved at the last council meeting, and they can't change it. Randy said it's just a report. All it does is have a model that predicts what the congestion would be. I had them redo it to take into account the Nelson Tract (Outville Rd) and Red Rock (W. Main). It shows that area will be congested at Keller Rd, Rt 158 bypass, and Outville Rd. The County Engineer is suggesting there needs to be a round-about. Terry asked if there is enough land. Randy said they would need land.

Dave: Originally the entrance cut for Outville Rd development was planned across from Speedway, but now they are discussing moving it north, making it 2 curb cuts on left for Speedway, then at least 2 others north on the right. Todd said their plan is for entrance at Loop Rd for cars only and 900 ft north of last house

(southernmost house) (for trucks & cars). Terry said he was told today the plans for that property fell through, and a donation of land to the county for Keller Rd was mentioned.

Dave: Randy is going to contact the engineers for Speedway to discuss the northernmost cut.

Randy: The developers for Outville Rd project are going through Licking County Planning because it's in Harrison Township. Licking County gave him an opportunity to comment for the Village, which he did through the portal, saying we need to account for noise, barrier, visual, lighting, trees; and that the Speedway development needs taken into consideration. He told them Outville Rd needs improved from Kirkersville to Keller Rd. They don't want to do that; they just want to put curb cuts.

Dave: Would they be putting a left turn lane on Outville Rd into the southern entrance to Speedway? Randy said it will be a dual-purpose center lane.

Randy needs to discuss with them the sanitary sewer connection. If he heard right, they want to put in a lift station beyond what will serve Speedway. Council will need to consider that it should be under control of the Village. If Village doesn't control it, the developers/owners can do what they want with the rest of the property. You can't gravity flow from Speedway to tie into manhole on Outville because it's a low area. He will work through the plan development and notify Council. He will have them run a new line rather than tie into the forced main.

Vicki: Have we any idea where they are with doing the lot split because they haven't come back to Zoning? Randy has no idea. Terry thinks they paid the permits to Shirley at the last Council meeting. Jack says that is part of the total zoning fee. They still must request the split and hold a hearing. Dave says they must do the lot split before they present the PUD.

Board Poll: The meeting scheduled for November 22 will be moved to November 29, 2023, at 6:00 pm. The meeting scheduled for December 27 will be moved to December 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm. **Motion to approve changes to the meeting dates: 1st by Dave Engel; 2nd by Todd Merry. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 4; nay, 0. Changes are approved.**

Next meeting set for Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Public Poll: none

Motion to Adjourn: 1st by Terry Ashcraft, 2nd by Todd Merry. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned. Approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zoning Clerk Vicki Coe.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Zoning and Planning Board.

Approved by the Board this 29th of November, 2023.

Terry Ashcraft

Dave Engel

Todd Merry

Vicki Coe