

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

SPECIAL SESSION

Held: April 10, 2024

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in Special Session from 5:27 P.M. to 5:40 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Boring called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

Billie Dearlove	Present	Richie Boring	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Bradley Blain	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Dale Brussee, Kevin & Betty Elder

Trustee Boring stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider a District Change Recommendation located at 11977 State Route 188 to include a one-room Homeschool Co-Op Building.

Zoning Inspector Corns explained that Mr. Gorsuch was out of town and unable to be at tonight's meeting, however he is available by phone for the meeting. Zach Gorsuch was put on speaker phone and Zoning Inspector Corns asked him to give the trustee's a brief summary of what he is proposing to do if he receives this district change. Mr. Gorsuch said he will basically be opening a private school; it will technically be a Family Education Center to offer full-time support for Home School Families. He stated that the class rooms will be in the renovated pole barn on his property.

Zoning Inspector Corns said so basically this will be a Home School Co-Op of sorts. He asked Mr. Gorsuch how many students would be attending this Co-Op Home School? Mr. Gorsuch said 10 to 20 students max and it will be elementary students right now but could go from K-12.

Trustee Wilson ask if the building has been State inspected and if it will be handicapped accessible? Mr. Gorsuch stated yes it will have handicap accessibility and have handicap accessible restrooms and no the building has not been state inspected yet. It will have to meet all fire and plumbing codes. Inspector Corns stated that he will have this done if he receives the district change.

Trustee Blain ask when will he be opening this school? Mr. Gorsuch said it will open in the fall.

Trustee Blain also ask if this will be considered a commercial building? Mr. Gorsuch stated no, it will be a private building.

Trustee Blain ask if they will need certified and license teachers at this school? Mr. Gorsuch said no, the teacher will only have to have a bachelor's degree to teach in a home school; which he has and his wife has a master's degree. Mr. Gorsuch said that he will be the teacher for now and if need arises they could hire another teacher.

Zoning Inspector Corns said that the neighbor adjacent to the property at the Zoning Hearing spoke very highly about the program being proposed and is all for it. With that said; what they are asking for is a District Change to Special Use. Special Use is the only District we have that they can do the school under. They have met with the Zoning Commission and the Zoning Commission approved and passed this onto the trustees for approval with the stipulation that if the property ever leaves the family (ever sold) or is no longer a school; that it will revert back to the zoning in that district at that time.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the District Change Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to Special Use for the property located at 11977 State Route 188 with the exception that if the property ever leaves the family (sold) or is no longer a school; that it will revert back to the zoning in that district at that time was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Brad Blain; Aye.

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Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring.

Billie Dearlove

Richie Boring

Richard Wilson

Bradley Blain

All of the formal actions of Thorn Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/ or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.