

## THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

**Zoning Members Present:** Joe Blaine  
Brad Blaine  
Wayne Gniewkowski  
Mark Huggins  
Ed Corns, Zoning Inspector  
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

**Guests Present:** Ronald Bonnette

**Meeting:** Date: 04/10/17  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Thorn Township Building

### ***Regular Meeting***

The minutes of the February 2017 regular zoning commission meeting were presented. Wayne Gniewkowski made a motion to accept and approve the minutes as presented, Mark Huggins seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of members present.

Ronald Bonnette was in attendance and introduced himself to the board and informed them that he had submitted his application for a position with Zoning for the Township. All members welcomed Mr. Bonnette.

### ***Zoning Inspector Report***

Ed Corns, Zoning Inspector, reported the following permits:

- New Build on 204
- Commercial Building on Blackbird Lane
- Accessory Building on 204
- Remodel on Twp. Rd. 500
- Commercial Building on Twp. Rd 1061
- Pool on New Salem Road
- Remodel/New Build on Twp. Rd. 493
- Lot Split on Lonesome Road
- Violation issued for illegal building on Rustic Lane

### ***Open Items for Discussion***

Discussion was held on areas of the zoning resolution that the board feels needs immediate attention when restructuring the resolution. Side-yard setback requirements in lake residential was the item that the pros and cons of moving the requirement from 20 feet to 10 feet was discussed. The zoning inspector stated that since the comprehensive plan is now in the process of being finalized the Zoning Board has 2 options in working with the current zoning resolution. Option 1 is to have the Zoning Board take care of any rezoning recommendations to match the new Comprehensive Plan or Option 2 is to have an outside source come in and make any necessary recommendations to change the current zoning resolution.

Other areas of discussion in regards to possible needed changes in the resolution were: Establishing lot size and road frontage, possible rezoning in Lake Residential, and the impact of these changes. The process on rezoning changes and changes to any resolution language was discussed as well. It was decided by the board that setting a goal of having these issues decided as to what changes would be recommended to the Trustees, in regards to Lake Residential, would be three (3) months.

Zoning Commission and BZA member term dates were presented to the board from the secretary and the process of how the zoning commission is informed of member changes that take place in a Trustee's meeting was discussed. The zoning inspector stated that he would pass this information on to the Trustees.

It was decided that lake residential zoning changes would be the agenda for the next meeting.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned by Joe Blaine at 6:33 p.m.

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Joe Blaine, Chairman

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Deborah Morgan, Secretary