

## THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

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

**Guests Present:** Nancy Ginn  
Ron Winegardner  
Janie Winegardner

**Meeting:** Date: 08/13/2018  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Thorn Township Building

The Thorn Township Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Blaine at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except Brad Blain. The July 2018 regular zoning commission meeting minutes were distributed, after review Wayne Gniewkowski noted a grammatical error in the minutes. The correction was made and a motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected by Mark Huggins and seconded by Wayne Gniewkowski. The motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

### **District Change Application:**

A District Change Application was received by Nancy Ginn and family for the property located at the corner of State Route 204 and State Route 13, to also include property located beside the current Circle K. The district change request is to change the current zoning district to commercial. Mrs. Ginn stated to the board that the family would like to have the property's current district changed in order for the family to sell the property. She also explained that the request falls within the new Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Township Trustees. After discussion the board stated that the application for the zoning change does fall within the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and it should be moved to the Trustees for their review. Discussion was held on the scheduling of a public hearing for the application. After discussion Ron Bonnette moved to set a public hearing for this District Change Application for September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., the motion was seconded by Wayne Gniewkowski. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of members present.

### **Zoning Meeting:**

Discussion was held on prospective fence regulations for the Thorn Township Zoning Resolution. Joe Blaine stated that the proposed fence regulations should address certain issues, such as; visibility of pulling out of drive-ways, swimming pools, setback issues, fence placement for safety issues. The Village of Buckeye Lake's fence regulations were reviewed. Discussion was held. Wayne Gniewkowski stated that he likes the idea of having a separate permit for fencing, Joe Blaine agreed with that statement. Ron Bonnette voiced his disagreement with having fencing regulations. Mr. Bonnette wanted to know if Mr. Blaine could cite any incidents of accidents from exiting drive-ways or a child foundering in a pool due to the inability to see due to a fence. Mr. Bonnette wrote his objections on fence regulations and has submitted this to all of the zoning board for their review and requested it be part of the meeting record. Mr. Bonnette was informed that a copy would be attached to the meeting minutes. Mr. Blaine stated that he is not saying that the regulations should say that someone can't put up a fence, just that there be common sense regulations put in place to make it safe, etc. Continued discussion was held. Mr. Bonnette stated that he put his objections in writing and challenges all members to put as much effort into speaking on all of his points. Mr. Blaine stated that he would like to introduce fence legislation at the next regular meeting. It was decided that any proposed fence regulation language would be discussed at the next regular zoning meeting.

The agenda for the next regular zoning meeting will be: District Change Application Public Hearing and Fence Regulation Discussion. After no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Joe Blaine, Chairman

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Deborah Morgan, Secretary