

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present:

Rick McCance
Jeff Zemolong
Marci McCaulay
Ed Corns
Joe Blaine

Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present:

Soup Dornon
Ron Combs
Sharon Kappas

Meeting:

Date: 08/03/2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Thorn Township Building

The regular Thorn Township Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick McCance by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present except for Jerry Nethers and Joe Blaine, Mr. Blaine arrived later in the meeting. The minutes of the July 2011 meeting were read by the zoning secretary and after no additions or corrections a motion was made by Jeff Zemolong to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Marci McCaulay. The motion passed by a voice vote of members present.

Chairman McCance wanted to know the outcome of the Eveland permit issue. Zoning Inspector Brune stated that the permit they requested was issued.

Sharon Kappas was in attendance and addressed the board members with her concerns dealing with current conditions of properties in the area. Ms. Kappas presented pictures of specific areas of her concern along with a petition signed by other concerned citizens. Some of the issues are signage, clutter, un-kept roadways, and un-kept parking lots. Ms. Kappas stressed her concern with the overall eyesore that these areas present and feels that the esthetics of this area is important. She wanted to know what the procedure is since she has officially filled out and submitted the zoning complaint form, along with the pictures and signatures of other concerned citizens. After discussion was held concerning the issues Ms. Kappas presented, Zoning Inspector Brune informed Ms. Kappas and the board that some of the specific issues that were discussed has been addressed and is being corrected. The issues dealing with the entrance way and deteriorated area in front of the car wash, located off of Blackbird Lane, was pointed out to the owner and is currently being repaired. The owner of Wilson's trading post has been contacted and informed that there is to be no more items placed along the road and that there is only 2 directional signs for the business permitted. The owner of the Family Dollar has been contacted about the condition of their parking lot and the Inspector was informed that the repairs would be made this week. Inspector Brune stated that if the repairs are not made to the parking lot of the Family Dollar he would be filing a complaint with the Prosecutor. Ms. Kappas stated that she appreciates the fact that these specific issues are being handled after it was brought to the owner's attention; however, her biggest concern is the overall esthetics of this area and there are still other issues of concern besides the ones that are in the process of repair. Ms. Kappas thanked the board for their time and hopes that these issues brought to their attention tonight would be addressed.

Boat Docks & Skill Game Language Review

Zoning Inspector Brune reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the prosecutor on Wednesday, August 10th at 3:00 p.m. to discuss these items. A brief discussion was held on what possible changes may be coming by the state in relation to boat docks.

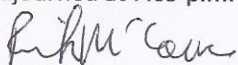
Open Items of Discussion

Further discussion was held on the issues presented by Ms. Kappas earlier in the meeting. Issues discussed were: Vendors Point, dangers of the parking at Vendor's Point, signs along Heron Bay, and esthetics of the area.

Jeff Zemolong wanted to know if there was any word if the home that recently caught fire had been signed off by the insurance company. Mr. Zemolong has been asked by other area residents on the status of this home if it would be re-built. Discussion was also held on another home that burned, located near the corner of County Road 2 and Holiday Harbor.

Zoning Inspector Brune reported the following permits for the months of May, June and July: Building addition on Twp 407, Whetstone Recycling sign permit, new build on St. Rt. 188, deck in Heron Bay, deck on Empire Drive, home addition w/garage on Twp 493, pole building on Twp 85, porch on Bruno Road, new build on Lonesome Road, home addition on corner of Highpoint and Twp 15, shed on Canoe Lane, home addition on Twp 83, home addition on Twp 88, agricultural permit for greenhouse on Blackbird Lane.

After no further business Ed Corns moved to adjourn the meeting, Marci McCaulay seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Rick McCance, Chairman



Deborah Morgan, Secretary