

## THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

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

**Guests Present:** Walter Vernon  
Sharon Tanner-Vernon  
Todd Brune

**Meeting:** Date: 08/14/17  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Thorn Township Building

### ***Regular Meeting***

The minutes of the July 2017 regular zoning commission meeting were presented. Wayne Gniewkowski made a motion to accept and approve the minutes as presented, Ron Bonnette seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of all members present.

Walter and Sharon Vernon were present to discuss some questions they had concerning the current zoning regulations along with some possible changes to the regulations in regards to set-back requirements. Mr. Vernon explained that they currently have a lot across the street from their current residence and would like to build a new home on that lot, however the lot currently is not deep enough. Mr. Vernon stated that they are aware that the zoning commission is considering changes to the zoning in regards to side-yard setback requirements in the Lake Residential areas of Thorn Township, but was wondering why the rear setback requirements is not also being considered. Discussion was held on why setbacks were set as they currently are. After continued discussion it was decided that the suggestion of reducing the rear setback in Lake Residential would be considered.

### **Lake Residential Zoning Changes**

The changes discussed at the last regular months zoning meeting in regards to the Lake Residential Zoning Regulations was presented in print form and also displayed in a power point presentation by Zoning Inspector Ed Corns. Much discussion was held on areas of this section. It was decided that the new proposed name for the Lake Residential District would be Northwest Quadrant. Board of Zoning Appeals Chairman Todd Brune arrived and was part of the discussion of possible changes and also discussed the history of the current Lake Residential section. After continued discussion on all the changes it was decided to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to move forward to the Trustees. Wayne Gniewkowski made a motion to accept the new proposed changes to the current Lake Residential District section of the zoning regulations and set for public hearing on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., motion was seconded by Mark Huggins. Motion was passed by a vote of all members present.

The Public Hearing will be set for September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., with the regular monthly zoning meeting to follow.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned by Joe Blaine at 8:15 p.m.