

## THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

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

**Guests Present:** Rick Eberts  
Karen McClellan  
Ed Arp  
Diane White  
Todd Brune

**Meeting:** Date: 12/10/18  
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. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

The October 2018 regular Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes were distributed, after review Mark Huggins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Wayne Gniewkowski. The motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

Chairman Blaine distributed an example of fence regulations to the Board for their review. The information presented also describes examples from other areas in regards to fencing. Mr. Blaine stated that he feels the Board needs to move forward with some fencing regulations, he read over the information he submitted and gave his opinion on why he feels there should be some fencing regulations. Discussion was held, which included fences around pools, electric fencing for agricultural, variations of open fencing, and fencing in lake residential versus other residential areas in the Township. Mr. Blaine suggested that fence regulations be drafted and reviewed. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that any drafts prepared by the Board could be reviewed by the Township's zoning attorney. Guest Karen McClelland thanked the Board for taking this subject on and does agree that diverse languages on fencing should be considered to address such a diverse Township. Guest Todd Brune stated that during his time as Zoning Inspector he dealt with numerous questions concerning fencing and he is aware that current Zoning Inspector Corns has dealt with them as well. Mr. Brune stated that the zoning inspector needs to have some guidelines in place concerning fencing. Zoning Member Bonnette questioned Mr. Brune on some examples of the situations. Mr. Bonnette also stated that survey requirements should be added to any language drafted. Inspector Corns agreed with Mr. Bonnette on the survey requirements. Chairman Blaine stated that he will take the suggestions discussed and put it in regulation form to present at the next meeting, any changes or additions could then be made. Discussion was also held on the issues of setbacks and current State boat dock regulations. Guest Karen McClelland questioned the Board on what the next step was. Chairman Blaine stated that they would try and have some fence regulations in draft form for the next meeting for possible vote to move on to a public hearing.

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns reported on the fence in Fireman's Park, it is still in litigation. Inspector Corns stated that zoning was quieting down for the year, there were more new builds in 2018 and less accessory buildings. Inspector Corns also updated the Board on other on-going zoning issues throughout the Township.

The agenda for the next regular zoning meeting will be: Fence regulation discussion and open items for discussion. After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.mn.