

## THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

**Zoning Members Present:** Joe Blaine  
Casey Casto  
Rick McCance  
Ed Corns

Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector  
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

**Guests Present:** Soup Dornon

**Meeting:** Date: 12/5/2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Thorn Township Building

The Thorn Township Zoning Commission's regular monthly meeting was called to order by Rick McCance by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present except Jeff Zemolong. The minutes of the November 2012 meeting were read. Joe Blaine made a motion to approve the minutes, Casey Casto seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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

Guest Josh Lutz addressed the members of the commission in regards to his recent purchase of the building located in Thornport, which most recently housed Coconis Carpets. Mr. Lutz purchased this building and was then approached by Steve Baker who was interested in renting the building for a skill game business. A contract was entered into between Mr. Lutz and Mr. Baker for this purpose. Mr. Lutz went on to explain that it was found out later that the zoning resolution had been amended dealing with skill games that would adversely affect the issue of a skill game business being in his building. Mr. Lutz stated that he checked the website and did not see anything at the time that would prohibit a skill game business in his location. He was then informed by Zoning Inspector Todd Brune, when a sign permit was requested, that there was an amendment to the zoning resolution dealing with skill games. Mr. Steve Baker then addressed the commission in regards to his desire to open up the skill game business. Mr. Baker gave the zoning commission a brief history of his current business and his business practices. Mr. Baker also questioned the reason why the amendments, dealing with skill games, were even added to the resolution in the first place. Further discussion continued on this issue. Both Mr. Lutz and Mr. Baker distributed letters to the members voicing the concerns and their position on this issue. A copy of these letters will be kept with the original minutes of this meeting. After discussion Mr. Baker and Mr. Lutz was advised to make contact with the Board of Zoning Appeals and explain their concerns with the Board.

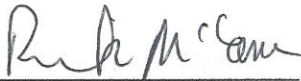
A list of the term dates for all BZA and Commission members were distributed along with an updated copy of the boat dock amendment language that was added to the resolution.

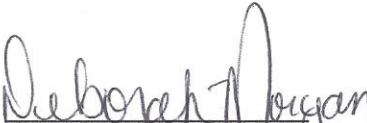
Discussion was held on exactly which sections of the resolution would be read by members and would then be discussed for any needed changes and/or additions at the next regular meeting. After a brief discussion it was decided that the first four (4) sections, pages 1-16 would be the assignment for the next meeting.

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

Inspector Brune reported the following permits: 14 x 2 room addition at 12482 Lonesome Road, New build at 15225 Twp. Rd. 403, and an accessory building at 10520 Honeycreek Road.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman McCance at 6:40 p.m.

  
Rick McCance, Chairman

  
Deborah Morgan, Secretary