

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: 01/13/2025

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Meeting Location: Thorn Township Building, 13780 Zion Road, Thornville, Ohio

Board Members Present: Mark Becker, Mary Alice Stidham, Jim Hay, Alternate Sandy Davis, and Alternate Chad Eveland

Zoning Department Members Present: Ed Corns, Zoning Inspector and Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present: Brad Blaine

2025 Organization Meeting

2024 Co-Chairperson Mark Becker opened the 2025 Organizational meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Roll call of members was taken and Mark Becker, Mary Alice Stidham, Jim Hay, Sandy Davis, and Alternate Chad Eveland were present. Mark Huggins was absent, Alternate Chad Eveland will be a voting member in Mr. Huggins absence.

Jim Hay nominated Mark Becker for the 2025 Zoning Commission Chairperson, with Sandy Davis giving the second on the nomination. Roll call was taken and by unanimous vote Mark Becker was elected the 2025 Chairperson.

Sandy Davis nominated Jim Hay for the 2025 Zoning Commission Co-Chairperson, with Chad Eveland giving the second on the nomination. Roll call was taken and by unanimous vote Jim Hay was elected the 2025 Chairperson.

Mark Becker moved to set the 2nd Monday of each month as the regular zoning commission meeting, with a start time of 6:00 p.m. Jim Hay seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and by a unanimous vote the motion passed.

Regular Monthly Zoning Meeting

The minutes of the August 2024 meeting were reviewed and Jim Hay moved to approve the minutes as presented, Mary Alice Stidham seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous yes vote of voting members present.

Open Items for Discussion

Discussion was held on different ways the board can review the entire zoning regulations. It was decided that each member would review the zoning regulations and bring areas of their concern to the board for discussion and for possible revisions. Zoning Commission member Sandy Davis stated that she will just wait to hear what the Zoning Inspector feels his top priorities are and go from there.

The subject of ways for better communication between the board and the zoning secretary were discussed.

Thorn Township Trustee Brad Blain was in attendance to report that the Trustees has voted to pay each zoning commission member \$35.00 each month rather there is a meeting held or not. If there is more than one meeting a month, the members who attend will be paid an additional \$35.00. Trustee Blain stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals will remain being paid only when they hold a meeting.

Zoning Inspector Report

Zoning Inspector Corns reported that in September of 2024 there were ten permits, October there were four, November six, and December with two. Inspector Corns reported that there was a total of 83 permits issued in 2024.

Visitor Comments

None

Zoning Commission Member Comments/Questions

None

Agenda for next Monthly Zoning Meeting

Zoning Regulation Review

Open Items for Discussion

After no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary