

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present:	Joe Blaine	Guests Present:	Karen McClellen
	Brad Blain		Betty Eberts
	Ronald Bonnette		Rich Eberts
	Wayne Gniewkowski		Bill Helphrey
	Mark Huggins – Arrived 6:08 p.m.		
	Ed Corns, Zoning Inspector		
	Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary		

Meeting:

Date:	07/09/2018
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	Thorn Township Building

The May 2018 meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed. Ron Bonnette made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Brad Blain seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of all members present.

Thorn Township resident Karen McClellen, representing a group of residents of the Township, requested permission to speak with the board concerning an on-going fence issue. Ms. McClellen gave the zoning board a history of their complaints in regards to the placement of this fence, she went on to explain their visits to Township Trustee's meetings and the outcome of the Trustees decision to inform the resident to remove the fence in question. This particular fence is in the Township's right-of-way, as explained by Ms. McClellen, and has blocked views of the lake by the area neighbors. Some members of the zoning board has witnessed the fence in question. Ms. McClellen stated that she is at this meeting to request the zoning board enact common sense zoning regulations on fence placement in the lake residential area of Thorn Township. Ms. McClellen explained various reasons why they feel that these regulations be considered. Discussion was held on this issue. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns explained the process of making a zoning resolution change, if that were a recommendation the zoning board would want to make. Continued discussion took place on the issue of zoning regulations on fencing. Board member Ron Bonnette voiced his reasons why he feels there should not be fencing regulations. After further discussion, the zoning board informed Ms. McClellen and the other residents in attendance, that the board would seriously take this issue under advisement and would review other lake area communities zoning regulations in regards to fencing. The board informed Ms. McClellen that they would keep her updated as to what, if any, changes would be made. Ms. McClellen and the other residents thanked the board for their time and consideration on this issue. Ron Bonnette requested that the board give him the opportunity to offer a presentation at the next regularly scheduled meeting, in order to point out his reasons why there should not be fence regulations within the Thorn Township's Zoning Resolution. After further discussion, it was decided that the board members would obtain other area resolutions to review their language on this subject and Mr. Bonnette would come prepared to present his opposition at the next meeting.

A brief discussion was held on the review of the Business District language and the agenda items for the next meeting. The agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting on 8/13/18 will be Fence Regulation Discussion.

After no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.