

## THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

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

**Guests Present:**

**Meeting:** Date: 07/08/2019  
Time: 6:07 p.m.  
Location: Thorn Township Building

The Thorn Township Zoning Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joe Blaine at 6:07 p.m., by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

The May 2019 regular Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes were distributed. Ron Bonnette voiced questions concerning the minutes, discussion was held on the issue of minutes. After discussion Brad Blain made a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Blaine seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of all members present.

### **Proposed Fence Regulations**

The draft of the proposed fence regulations which was prepared by the zoning attorney was distributed to members for their review, (Draft attached to final copy of minutes). Issues discussed in regards to this draft are as follows:

- Section on “prohibited fencing”
- Fences, walls, and hedges
- Possible inclusion of light fixtures
- Natural grade wording/definition
- Heights of fencing, including mounding/natural grade
- Who determines what is “other information deemed necessary”?
- Property maintenance
- Setbacks in regards to fencing
- Front yard and rear yard fencing
- Fencing in regards to views of lake
- Views versus safety in regards to fencing

Throughout the discussion of the above items it was decided that the proposed regulations prepared by the attorney would be re-written with the discussed changes made by the board. The new document will be prepared and distributed at the next

meeting for the board to review. Let the minutes reflect that it was stated throughout the discussion that Member Ron Bonnette opposed all fence regulations.

### **Other Items for Discussion**

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns reported the most recent permits, they are as follows:

- Accessory building addition – Twp. Rd. 1042
- Covered Patio – Honey creek Road
- New Build – Zion Road
- Agriculture Exempt – Twp. Rd. 15

Inspector Corns also reported that the Trustees have given him the responsibility to deal with nuisance properties, therefore a property maintenance code is being discussed for the Township. Discussion was held on what defines a nuisance property. Inspector Corns stated that they will be using the State of Ohio's definition of a nuisance property. Inspector Corns also reported that there will be a new hardware store opening up in August that will be located within the Township.

Agenda items for the next regular meeting will be fence regulations and open items for discussion.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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Joe Blaine, Chairman

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Deborah Morgan, Secretary