

# THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: 7/12/2021

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meeting held via Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Wayne Gniewkowski, Jim Hay, Brad Blain, Mark Becker, Mark Huggins

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

**Guests Present:** Tom Jenkins

The July 12, 2021 regular monthly meeting of the Thorn Township Zoning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Gniewkowski. Roll call was taken and all members were present via Zoom.

The Minutes of the June 2021 meeting were reviewed. Jim Hay moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented, Mark Becker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

## Cloud Zoning

Chairperson Gniewkowski recapped the idea of cloud zoning and reported that Zoning Inspector Ed Corns contacted our Zoning Attorney who is in the process of creating draft language for Cloud Zoning and Temporary Pools. Inspector Corns stated that he is hopeful to have those drafts by the August meeting, at the latest September's meeting. Discussion was held on Cloud Zoning, what it is and the possible benefits it would have for the Township.

## Temporary Pools

Zoning member Mark Huggins requested more information on temporary pools. Chairperson Gniewkowski briefly went over previous discussions concerning temporary pools and why the subject was brought to the board. The zoning attorney will provide a draft of some language and examples so that further discussion can be held.

## Junk Vehicles

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns reported that Zoning Attorney Pete Griggs has given the opinion, after reviewing the current Township Zoning Resolution, that junk vehicles are not a zoning item to regulate.

## Open Items for Discussion

Zoning member Mark Huggins wanted to know if the Township has passed or recognizes the Fire Code. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that question would be for the Fire Chief and the Township Trustees.

Zoning member Brad Blain wanted to mention that at the last Zoning Meeting the Zoning Secretary requested who Guest Chip McNeer was representing, as he mentioned representation when speaking. Mr. Blain stated that he attended the last Trustees meeting and Mr. McNeer did say that he was representing developers, Mr. Blain wanted to clarify that in the previous zoning meeting Mr. McNeer stated he wasn't representing developers but, in the Trustees meeting he did state he was representing developers. Mr. Blain stated that he just wanted to mention that for clarification.

Zoning member Mark Huggins had questions on Twp. Road 496 future development, regarding the width of roads. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that there isn't anything in writing that has been submitted to zoning yet but he believes that it will be addressed when the development plans come back before the board.

Zoning member Jim Hay had a question about a business on St. Rt. 204. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns clarified that there is a business at the location mentioned and reported that the area in question was rezoned previously to rural business. Therefore, the business (a lawn mowing business) is a permitted use in that area.

Zoning member Mark Huggins wanted to know if anyone had contacted Zoning Inspector Corns from his neighborhood on a driveway that has been elevated. Inspector Corns stated that no one has contacted him but if anyone would want to discuss that issue they should contact the Trustees as that is an issue for the Trustees.

## Zoning Inspector Report

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns reported the following permits for June 2021.

- Accessory building on Twp. Rd. 403
- Accessory building on Twp. Rd. 493

- Lot split on Highpoint Road
- Covered Porch on Twp. Rd. 493
- Boat Dock on Twp. Rd. 403
- Accessory Building on St. Rt. 188
- Screened porch on Cypress Drive
- Covered Porch on Honey Creek Road
- New build on Canoe Lane
- A zoning violation on Twp. Rd. 403 – Resolved

A brief discussion was held on campers/RV's, some clarification of what has been discussed previously and what should be discussed.

**Visitor Comments**

None.

**Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items**

The items for the next meeting agenda will be: Cloud Zoning, Temporary Pools, & Open Items for Discussion.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary