

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present:

Ron White
Marci McCauley
Jeff Zemalong
Rick McCance

Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present:

Soup Dornon
Dale Factor
Dr. TJ Edwards

Meeting:

Date: 07/07/10
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Thorn Township Building

The regular Thorn Township Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by Marci McCauley by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present except for Jerry Nethers. The minutes of the June 2010 meeting were read by the Zoning Secretary and after no additions or corrections Rick McCance made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Jeff Zemalong seconded the motion, motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

Discussion was held on the subject of boat docks; regulations, zoning language, and how detailed any regulations should be was topics of discussion. It was suggested that Jeff Zemalong create a rough draft of a zoning regulation dealing with this issue for the board to look at. Mr. Zemalong agreed and stated he will come up with a rough draft regulation dealing with boat docks.

Rick McCance reported to the members that he spoke with Attorney Riley Crandell and Mr. Crandell stated that he would be interested in being retained by the Zoning Commission. The rate quoted was a \$1500.00 retainer fee, based on \$150.00 per hour rate. After a brief discussion was held a motion was made by Rick McCance to request permission from the trustees to retain Riley Crandell at the \$1500.00 retainer fee, based upon a \$150.00 per hour rate, Jeff Zemalong seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

It was reported by the secretary that the Zoning Resolution and the names of the Zoning Board members have been added to the township website. A brief discussion was held on adding the zoning fees to the website, it was decided that the list should be added.

Zoning Inspector Todd Brune requested that the Zoning Board approve the issuance of a letter to the Miller & Berry Corporation informing them that their PRD has expired. Ron White moved that a letter be drafted and sent to the Miller & Berry Corporation informing them of the PRD expiration, Rick McCance seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

Marci McCauley questioned the Zoning Inspector and other commission members on if they had received any complaints on the "Hillbilly Grafiti" stand on the property located at the intersection of Zion Road and State Route 13 (Thornport). Mr. Brune stated that he has spoken with Steve Dearlove and Mr. Dearlove is going to pay for a new sign that will address this issue. Mr. McCance wanted to know if there was a fee associated with changing a name on a sign, when the business changes, etc. It was reported that currently the fee is set for the total signage and does address changes in names. Political sign issues were discussed and Ms. McCauley will continue to look at other zoning regulations for examples and report back her findings.

Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed and it was decided that Boat docks, political signs, and open items for discussion will be the agenda items for the August meeting.

After no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Rick McCance and seconded by Jeff Zemalong. The meeting was adjourned by Marci McCauley at 8:23p.m.

Marci McCauley, Chairman

Deborah Morgan, Secretary