

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present: Ron White
Jeff Zemolong
Jerry Nethers
Ed Corns
Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present: Soup Dornon
Dale Factor
Joe Blaine
Chad Eveland
Kevin Krumlauf
Jessica Eveland

Meeting: Date: 07/06/2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Thorn Township Building

The regular Thorn Township Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by Ron White, who was filling in as Chairman in the absence of Rick McCance, by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present except for Rick McCance and Marci McCaulay. The minutes of the June 2011 meeting were read by the zoning secretary and after no additions or corrections the minutes will stand as read.

Chad and Jessica Eveland, along with Kevin Krumlauf, were present to inquire about issues with placing a shed on the Evelands lot at 117 Canoe Lane. The questions were concerning the placement of a shed without a dwelling on the lot. After the Zoning Inspector's review of the zoning regulations it was his initial opinion that a shed could not be permitted without a dwelling of at least 700 sq. feet. Zoning Inspector Brune advised the Evelands to attend this meeting so that he may receive an opinion of the zoning commission members as to their interpretation of the zoning regulations dealing with this subject. After continued discussion was held on this issue it was the overall opinion of zoning members present that it is ultimately the Zoning Inspector's decision to interpret the regulations. It was explained to the Evelands that if a permit would not be given that they have the right to appeal the Inspector's decision with the Board of Zoning Appeals. After further discussion concerning the interpretation of the zoning regulations dealing with accessory buildings and permanent dwellings, Ron White stated that he would issue the permit with restrictions, Jerry Nethers stated he would want to put a shed on the lot as well, Jeff Zemolong stated that if it was his decision he would approve the permit, and Ed Corns stated that since this was his first meeting as an alternate he would like to review the zoning regulations a bit more before he made a statement of his opinion on this issue. It was also the suggestion of the board that accessory building/accessory building use be placed on the Bin Item list.

Boat Docks

Zoning Inspector Brune reported that he has not received a response back from the Prosecutor with the list of questions regarding boat docks. This issue will be revisited once a response is received from the Prosecutor.

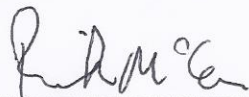
Skill Game Regulation

The zoning secretary distributed examples of other area zoning language and ordinances dealing with skill games for review to the members who were absent at the last meeting. A draft of the skill game language was also distributed. A copy of the proposed new section 28 and a copy of the current section were given to the Zoning Inspector so that he can forward this to the Prosecutor for his review prior to any public hearings.

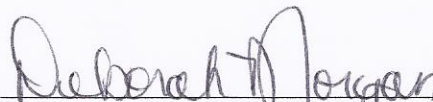
Open Items of Discussion

Jeff Zemolong wanted to know how long a person has to have a home torn down and to rebuild after a fire. Ed Corns located the section in the zoning regulations (Section 5.06) that deals with fires for Mr. Zemolong.

Boat docks, skill games, and open items for discussion will be the agenda for the next meeting. After no further business Jeff Zemolong moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Rick McCance, Chairman


Deborah Morgan, Secretary