

## THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

**Zoning Members Present:** Rick McCance  
Casey Casto  
Jeff Zemolong  
Ed Corns  
Joe Blaine

Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector  
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

**Guests Present:** None

**Meeting:** Date: 06/6/2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Thorn Township Building

The Thorn Township Zoning Commission's regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick McCance by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present. The minutes of the May 2012 meeting were read by the zoning secretary and after no additions or corrections a motion was made by Ed Corns and seconded by Joe Blaine to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

### ***Fence Issues***

Rick McCance reported that he spoke with Walnut Township concerning their fence regulations and they treat them as any other structure. On the canals the fences are not to be taller than 48 inches, at least 50% see through, and 25 feet of the canal. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of having regulations added concerning fences. After this discussion was held it was decided that at this time no action would be taken on proposing any zoning regulations dealing with fences.

### ***Open Items for Discussion***

Ed Corns stated that he reviewed the zoning regulation and did not find anything in relation to campers, which was discussed at a previous meeting. Zoning Inspector Brune clarified what section it was mentioned in. Discussion was held on campers in relation to the Driftwood addition. Interpretation of section 26.03 (E) of the zoning resolution, decks and awnings being added to campers in Fireman's Park, permit fees for accessory buildings, and mother-in-law suites was also discussed. Jeff Zemalong stated that it was his opinion that any additions such as decks and awnings on campers in Fireman's Park should be subject to permit fees just as anyone else would be. Discussion on this issue was held.

Discussion was held on ways of reviewing each and every section of the zoning resolution and then having discussion on these sections to see if any additions or changes should be made. After reviewing different ways to look at each section of the resolution it was decided that the zoning commission would set aside 30 minutes of every regular monthly zoning meeting to go over each article of the zoning resolution, one by one, to review for any additions or changes.

Ed Corns stated that he would like the subject of campground regulations added to the list of issues to be reviewed by zoning.

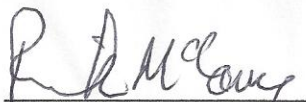
Rick McCance mentioned an issue concerning a property on Lonesome Road. Inspector Brune stated that he will check on this and report back at the next regular meeting.

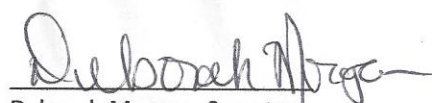
Casey Casto wanted to know if the Township had a public records policy or a records retention schedule in place. The zoning secretary stated that she will discuss this issue with the Trustees at the next Township meeting.

### ***Zoning Inspector Report***

Inspector Brune reported on the following permits for the month of May 2012: New build on Shoreline Drive, Porch on State Rt. 13, Patio & Dock on Twp. Rd. 500, Pole Building on Highpoint Rd., Deck on Twp Rd. 403, Modular home on Ridenour.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman McCance at 7:17 p.m.

  
Rick McCance, Chairman

  
Deborah Morgan, Secretary