

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: 3-14-2022

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Thorn Township Building, 13780 Zion Road, Thornville, Ohio

Board Members Present: Jim Hay, Mark Huggins, Brad Blain, Mary Alice Stidham (Alternate)

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

Guests Present: None

The March 14, 2022 regular monthly meeting of the Thorn Township Zoning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Co-Chair Brad Blain, in the absence of Chairperson Wayne Gniewkowski. Roll call was taken and the following were present: Brad Blain, Jim Hay, Mark Huggins, Alternate Mary Alice Stidham. Absent were: Wayne Gniewkowski and Mark Becker.

The Minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular monthly meeting were reviewed. Jim Hay moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented, Mark Huggins seconded the motion. The motion passed by a yes voice vote of all members present.

The Minutes of the February 15, 2022 Special meeting were reviewed. Mary Alice Stidham moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented, Jim Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed by a yes voice vote of all members present.

Open Items for Discussion

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns updated the board on the status of the recent PRD Plan Submittal. Inspector Corns stated that he received a text and phone call from the Village Administrator of the Village of Thornville, along with a follow up email. The text, call, and email stated that the Village of Thornville was out of sewer taps. Inspector Corns informed all parties involved in the PRD application. Inspector Corns stated that he received another phone call from the Village Administrator of the Village of Thornville stating that they now have approximately 40 or so sewer taps available, but they are for single lots only, not development. Inspector Corns stated that he spoke with the Townships zoning attorney and was advised to issue no permits in the Township area unless they currently have sewer, due to the information received from the Village Administrator of the Village of Thornville. Inspector Corns stated that he also spoke with Ben Carpenter, Perry County Commissioner, concerning this information. Mr. Carpenter stated that there are some issues and some possible mis-information from Thornville at this time. Mr. Carpenter stated that he is awaiting a copy of the contract between Perry County and the Village of Thornville for water, so that he can review. Mr. Carpenter also stated to Inspector Corns that Perry County is in discussion for ideas of creating increased sewer for the area.

Zoning Inspector Report

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns reported that the vacant lot in Thornport just past Schein Bright Daycare was wanting to do a project but with the sewer tap issue, Inspector Corns informed them that they will have to wait, unless they have a current sewer tap and if so they could move forward.

Inspector Corns informed the board that the Village of Thornville has stated they are going to form a committee to work on the above-mentioned sewer tap issue and would contact the Township with further details on any formation of a committee. The Village of Thornville was interested asking a Township Trustee and the Zoning Inspector to sit on any such committee. The following recent permits were reported:

- Sign on State Rt. 13
- Accessory Building on Twp. Rd. 403

Visitor Comments

None.

Zoning Commission Members Comments/Questions

Board Member Jim Hay wanted to know if there were any updates on the status of swimming pool permitting, that was discussed in past meetings. Inspector Corns stated that this has been put on hold during the work on the PRD Application.

Discussion was held on holding a regular April zoning meeting, as the normal monthly meeting date is being used for the upcoming special zoning meeting for the PRD. After this discussion Mary Alice Stidham moved to not hold an additional April zoning meeting, besides the PRD special meeting on April 11, Mark Huggins seconded the motion. By a voice vote of yes from Stidham, Blain, Huggins, and a no vote from Hay, the motion passed.

Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items

The agenda for the next meeting will be: PRD Discussion and Open Items for discussion.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary