

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present: Marci McCauley
Jeff Zemalong
Rick McCance
Todd Brune Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present: Soup Dornon
Dale Factor

Meeting: Date: 03/02/2011
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 Ron White and Jerry Nethers. The minutes of the December 2010 meeting were read by the zoning secretary and after no additions or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Nominations for the 2011 Zoning Chairperson were opened and a motion to nominate Rick McCance as the 2011 Zoning Chairperson was made by Marci McCauley and seconded by Jeff Zemalong. After no discussion the motion passed by a vote of all members present.

Discussion was held on moving the regular zoning meetings to 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. A motion to move the regular meeting times to 6:00 p.m. was made by Rick McCance and seconded by Jeff Zemalong. After no discussion the motion passed by a vote of all members present.

Boat docks

The proposed zoning regulation language on boat docks was distributed and reviewed. Discussion was held on fee structure, seawalls, state boat dock regulations, and the pros and cons of having boat dock regulations. Zoning Inspector Brune stated that sea walls should be included to make sure they are within property lines; a flat fee was also discussed. After discussion on the subject of boat dock regulations it was decided that any proposed language should go to the attorney for review and along with the proposed language a list of questions.

Open Items of Discussion

Discussion was held on skill games, Zoning Inspector Brune distributed a sample of zoning regulations from neighboring areas dealing with skill games. Trustee Factor stated that the trustees would like some input from the zoning board concerning this issue. After further discussion it was decided that this issue would be re-visited at the next meeting.

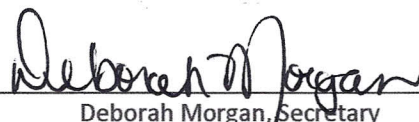
Inspector Brune reported that there were no permits issued in the month of December and for the month of January there were 2 new builds in Heron Bay and 1 home addition permit issued. Inspector Brune also reminded the board that he would like a zoning reminder to township residents placed in the paper. After a brief discussion it was decided that Inspector Brune would come up with the specific language of the ad and it would then be placed in the paper by the secretary.

Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed and it was decided that boat docks, skill games, and open items for discussion will be the agenda for the next regular meeting.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Rick McCance, Chairman



Deborah Morgan, Secretary