

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present: Rick McCance
Jeff Zemolone
Joe Blaine
Ed Corns

Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present: Soup Dornon

Meeting: Date: 03/07/2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Thorn Township Building

The regular Thorn Township Zoning Commission 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 except for Casey Casto. The minutes of the December 2011 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 voice vote of all members present.

Election of 2012 Chairman

Ed Corns moved to nominate Rick McCance for the 2012 Zoning Commission Chairman, Joe Blaine seconded the nomination. Rick McCance was elected 2012 Chairman by unanimous vote of all members present.

Proposed Boat Dock and Skill Game Language

Zoning Inspector Todd Brune reported that the skill game language was approved by the Trustees at their recent public hearing concerning the proposed zoning resolution additions. The Trustees had some changes that they would like to have made to the proposed boat dock language, which are as follows:

- No requirement for a permit for anything dealing with sea walls
- Remove the wording "only lift station"
- Remove "Not regulated by the State of Ohio"
- Add 10 foot rear setback from the property line

After a brief discussion Ed Corns moved to accept the amendments to the boat dock language, Joe Blaine seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of members present.

Fence Issues

Inspector Brune stated that he has received several complaints from township residents on placement of fences in Lake Residential areas. Discussion was held and it was suggested that this issue be reviewed for placement of fences on property lines in both Lake Residential and Rural Residential as well. Rick McCance stated that he will look into what other lake areas do involving fence issues.

Open Items for Discussion

Ed Corns reported on a pole barn being built on Ridenour Road, north of Highpoint. Discussion was held and it was stated that this pole barn may be agricultural. Ed also wanted to know if there was anything that can be done about the Recycling business located on State Route 13. Inspector Brune reported that he has spoken to the owner and had some issues already addressed. Further discussion was held.

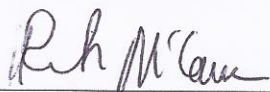
Jeff Zemalong pointed out some issues concerning the property located on the corner of Township Road 79 and Honeycreek Road. Inspector Brune stated that he will speak to the owner again.

Rick McCance wanted to know who is responsible for the private road in front of Family Dollar since the businesses located on this private road has been sold. Inspector Brune stated that he will speak to the Trustees concerning this issue.

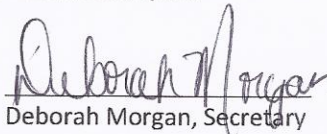
Bin items for the year were discussed and the issues of fences, lot sizes and road frontage in Rural Residential were some items that are to be added for 2012 discussion.

Agenda items for the next meeting will be boat dock language proposed changes, fence issues, and open items for discussion.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman McCance at 6:41 p.m.



Rick McCance, Chairman



Deborah Morgan, Secretary