

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present: Rick McCance
Casey Casto
Jeff Zemolong
Ed Corns
Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present: Soup Dornon
Dale Factor
Ron White
Margo Roop
Tom Jenkins
Dave MacMillin
Ron Baker

Meeting: Date: 05/02/2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Thorn Township Building

PUBLIC HEARING

The Thorn Township Zoning Commission's Public Hearing on proposed boat dock zoning regulation changes/additions 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 Joe Blaine. Chairman McCance stated the reason for this public hearing and requested anyone in attendance who would like to speak please stand and be sworn in.

Tom Jenkins wanted to know who proposed these regulations and why. Inspector Todd Brune explained the history of how these proposed boat dock regulations came about. Mr. Jenkins voiced his concerns over these proposed regulations and stated that he is not in favor of these proposed regulations.

Dave McMillin voiced his concerns and questioned some of the proposed regulations.

Ron Baker stated that he feels the Zoning Commissions rationale on this issue is still a stretch and feels that less government is best.

Discussion was also held on docks being dug in and also current dilapidated conditions of already existing boat docks within the Township.

After discussion was complete Chairman McCance stated that the board will consider all discussions and then make their recommendations to the Trustees. The public hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

The minutes of the April 2012 meeting were read by the zoning secretary and after no additions or corrections a motion was made by Casey Casto and seconded by Ed Corns to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

Proposed Boat Dock Language

After a brief discussion Ed Corns made a motion to send the current proposed boat dock language on to the Trustees for their consideration, Jeff seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

Open Items for Discussion

Ed Corns had a question concerning a trailer on Ridenour Road. Inspector Brune clarified its current status.

Jeff Zemolong recommended that the condition of current docks should be looked into as well. Mr. Zemolong voiced concerns over some current dilapidated docks. Inspector Brune recommended that adding boat docks to the maintenance section of the zoning resolution should be considered. Discussion was also held on Campers/RV's moving in on some lots in the area. Township resident Margo Roop voiced concerns over the fact that they would overlook lots that have overgrown grass and that are a complete eye soar but rather want to focus on a lot with a camper where the owners are keeping the lots clean and well maintained. Ms. Roop stated that she would rather look at a lot that has a camper on it, that is being well maintained, instead of a piece of property that has grass and maintenance issues. Discussion was held.

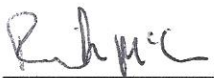
Casey Casto suggested that there be a limit on issuing permits for accessory buildings on lots before a permit for a residence is issued.

Fence Issues

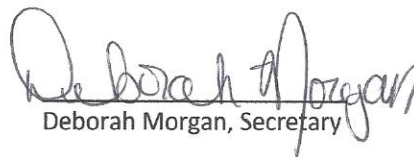
Ed Corns moved to table discussion on fence issues until the next regular meeting, Casey Casto seconded the motion. After no discussion the motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

Agenda Items for the next meeting will be Fence Issues and Open Items of Discussion.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman McCance at 7:06 p.m.



Rick McCance, Chairman



Deborah Morgan, Secretary