

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present:

Ron White
Jeff Zemalong
Rick McCance
Jerry Nethers

Marcie McCauley
Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present:

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Meeting:

Date: 11/3/10
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. The minutes of the October 2010 meeting were read by the zoning secretary and after no additions or corrections Jerry Nethers made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Ron White seconded the motion, motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

Boat docks

Marci McCauley began discussion on the sample of boat dock zoning from Indian Lake. Rick McCance reported that he spoke with Rick Barrera, who is the Chief of the Division of Watercraft for the State of Ohio. Mr. Barrera stated that Stoke Township is the only other township in Ohio that deals with a lake as Thorn Township does. Zoning members briefly reviewed Indian Lake's zoning language dealing with boat docks. After much discussion and review of zoning regulation samples the board decided that something needs to be done and a rough draft of a boat dock zoning guideline would be developed for the zoning resolution. Each sample guideline was discussed and the board will return to the next regular meeting with zoning language to review. Once all is reviewed a final draft will be developed and this will then be reviewed by Attorney Crandell before any hearings are held.

Open Items of Discussion

The zoning secretary reported that after many complaints from variance applicants concerning zoning's current variance application, she reviewed the application and made changes to the form to make it more user friendly. A brief discussion was held and it was decided that the new applications should be put in place. The township trustees will be informed of this change.

Zoning Inspector Todd Brune reported the following issued permits for the month: New house on Twp Road 406 and new house on Highpoint Road.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron White and seconded by Rick McCance. The meeting was adjourned by Marci McCauley at 8:45 p.m.