

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present:

Joe Blaine
Diane White
Wayne Gniewkowski
Mark Huggins
Tom Green
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary
Ed Corns, Zoning Inspector

Guests Present: Sandy Davis

Meeting:

Date: 09/12/2016
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Thorn Township Building

The September regular zoning meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Blaine by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present except for Brad Blain who was absent due to work obligations.

The minutes of the August 2016 regular zoning commission meeting were presented. Wayne Gniewkowski made a motion to accept and approve the minutes as presented, Mark Huggins seconded the motion. The motion passed by

The meeting started by introductions of the new members of the Zoning Commission; Diane White, Mark Huggins, and Tom Green. Brad Blain, who was also appointed to the commission, was absent due to work obligations. The existing members, Joe Blaine and Wayne Gniewkowski, introduced themselves to the new members.

Chairman Blaine updated the members of what the commission was currently working on and questioned the new members as to any concerns they currently may have concerning zoning or any concerns that have been brought to them. Tom Green stated that junk cars were an issue that he has become aware of. Discussion was held on the interpretation of the section of the current zoning resolution dealing with this issue.

Diane White stated that she knew an individual who had a trailer that needs torn down for the building of a new home and wanted to know what this person needed to do in order to proceed. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns gave a brief explanation of setback requirements and what needed to be done.

Discussion was held on signage and what current section of the zoning resolution this was located in. Zoning Inspector Corns gave a brief explanation to the commission as to the structure of the township's zoning. Inspector Corns also reported on recent discussions concerning property within the township that may be an upcoming sight for a public boat ramp. Further discussion was held on this issue. Dredging of the canals was also discussed.

Inspector Corns reported that there have been 40 permits issued this year, there are more new builds this year than last year. Inspector Corns also reported that he is hopeful that the comprehensive plan will be ready by next month's meeting. There will also be a meeting on September 28th at 6:00 p.m., located at the township building and it will be in regards to the proposed public boat ramp project mentioned earlier in the meeting. Inspector Corns also informed the commission of the process of public hearings and how the comprehensive plan will be presented once it has been completed.

Chairman Blaine wanted to know if the township had any plans on mosquito spraying. Inspector Corns stated that it was an issue for the health department. Diane White stated that she works in the county and volunteered to ask if the health department had any plans on spraying.

Township resident Sandy Davis was in attendance and had questions concerning a property in the township. Inspector Corns updated the commission on Mrs. Davis' concerns. The property in question had a variance granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and the permit was issued for a residence, however a camper is sitting there currently. The

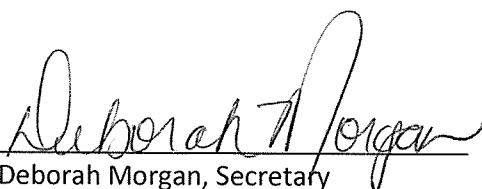
structure that was built and which was to be a residence is covering a camper. Mrs. Davis went on to explain her concerns with this issue. She voiced her disagreement in how the BZA will grant a variance and then not follow up on them to make sure that the variance has been followed through with as proposed and granted and also when a permit has been issued, they are not followed up with either. Discussion was held on this issue and after this discussion Inspector Corns requested that Mrs. Davis fill out a complaint form and forward any pictures that she may have so that he can forward these to the attorney for their review and will work at finding a resolution to Mrs. Davis' complaints. Mrs. Davis stated that she will forward the information to Mr. Corns.

Agenda items for the next meeting will be signage, section 3-8 article 27.1 and open items for discussion.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned by Joe Blaine at 7:35 p.m.



Joe Blaine, Chairman



Deborah Morgan, Secretary