

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

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

Guests Present: Soup Dornon
Dale Factor

Meeting: Date: 09/01/10
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 July 2010 meeting were read by the Zoning Secretary, and after a correction was noted by Zoning Inspector Brune, Ron White made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Jeff Zemalong seconded the motion, motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

Jeff Zemalong distributed a rough draft zoning boat dock guideline for the board to review. Discussion was held on this rough draft. Soup Dornon shared information on a previous lawsuit concerning waterways South of Buckeye Lake. Thorn Township Trustee Dale Factor stated that it was his opinion that if we control all other structures in the township then why wouldn't we control this; and the reason would be that we do it for the health, safety, and welfare of township residents. After further discussion it was decided by the board that something should be done but at this time they are not sure as to what. It was further decided that more research on other lake areas is needed. Rick McCance offered to review other lakes such as Indian and Grand St. Mary's for any regulations they may have and report back with his findings.

This issue of political signs was discussed and it was recommended that the time frame listed within this section of the Zoning Resolution be removed.

Rick McCance wanted to know if Attorney Riley Crandell had been appointed as legal representation for zoning. Trustee Factor stated that this had been approved by the Trustees. Mr. Factor also requested that someone from the board contact Mr. Crandell to inform him that he has been placed on retainer.

It was reported by the secretary that the letter to the Berry & Miller Company, informing them of their PRD expiration, has been sent. A brief discussion was held.

Trustee Factor wanted to know the status of a sign issue on State Route 13, located within the township. Zoning Inspector Brune stated that this issue had been addressed and the sign has been removed.

Jeff Zemalong wanted to know if there are any rules and regulations pertaining to Fireman's Park. A brief discussion was held on this issue.

Rick McCance requested all members review legal case Sanicky vs. Ruggles for discussion at a later meeting.

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

After no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Rick McCance and seconded by Ron White. The meeting was adjourned by Marci McCauley at 8:20p.m.

Marci McCauley, Chairman

Deborah Morgan, Secretary