

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present:

Rick McCance
Jeff Zemolong
Joe Blaine
Ed Corns

Todd Brune, Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present:

Soup Dornon
Dale Factor
Ron White

Meeting:

Date: 09/07/2011
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 Jerry Nethers and ~~Mari McCaulay~~ ^{DM} ~~DM~~ ^{DM}. The minutes of the August 2011 meeting were read by the zoning secretary and after no additions or corrections a motion was made by Jeff Zemolong and seconded by Ed Corns to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed by voice vote of all members present.

Zoning Inspector Brune gave a report on his meeting with the Prosecutor in regards to the proposed boat dock regulations and proposed skill game language. The Prosecutor reviewed the steps of adding any changes to the zoning regulation and also explained that all the proposed language looked fine with the exception of the license fees for skill games. Zoning Inspector Brune explained to the board the reason why the fees would need to be removed and a brief discussion was held. Discussion continued on the boat dock language and Trustee Factor wanted to clarify some rumors concerning the Trustees pushing the issue of boat dock regulations; Trustee Factor stated that he does feel it is necessary but this is why they have a zoning board, to handle these issues, and the Trustees are not pushing the issue what so ever. Further issues discussed concerning the proposed boat dock language were: boat docks already governed by the state, shore stations, and main lake boat docks vs. canal boat docks. After discussion was held Ed Corns made a motion to have a public hearing on the proposed boat dock language at the first meeting in October, Joe Blaine seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote of all members present. Trustee Factor suggested that if we have a public hearing that all issues that need to be changed or added to the resolution be done at that same hearing. Discussion was held and Ed Corns made a motion to reschedule the October public hearing until November to include both boat dock and skill game language, Joe Blaine seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote of all members present.

Open Items for Discussion

Ed Corns wanted to know if the house on the corner of Highpoint and Ridenour had a permit; Zoning Inspector Brune reported that they did. Jeff Zemolong wanted to know if anything has been done about the property at the ~~corner of~~ ^{corner of} Honeycreek and Twp Rd. 79; Zoning Inspector Brune reported that not at this time but a list of complaints are being prepared. ^{DM}

Zoning Inspector Brune gave the board a brief update on the issues raised at the last meeting by Ms. Kappas and also reported the following permits: Pole barn on Ridenour, deck on Rustic Lane, and a covered porch on Zion Road.

After no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Ed Corns and seconded by Joe Blaine. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Rick McCance, Chairman

Deborah Morgan, Secretary