

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: 05/12/25

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Meeting Location: Thorn Township Building, 13780 Zion Road, Thornville, Ohio

Board Members Present: Mark Becker, Mary Alice Stidham, Jim Hay, Sandy Davis,

Zoning Department Members Present: Ed Corns, Zoning Inspector and Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present: None

Regular Monthly Zoning Meeting

The May regular zoning meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Becker. Roll call was taken and all members were present except for Mark Huggins and Alternate Chad Eveland.

The minutes of the April 2025 meeting were reviewed and Jim Hay moved to approve the minutes as presented, Sandy Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed by all members present.

Zoning Resolution/Regulation Discussion

A draft, prepared by Zoning Secretary Morgan, was distributed to all members present. This draft is a combination of the current Rural Business and Special Use District, with the proposed name change to commercial district. The board will review and discuss at the next regular meeting.

The subject of marijuana dispensaries has been handled by the Trustees. Zoning Inspector Corns reported that the Trustees has voted to not permit them in the Township and this will not need to be addressed by the zoning board now.

Other discussion was held on the current zoning resolution/regulations and it was decided that a sample of a rewrite will be prepared by the secretary and be presented for the board to review at the next meeting.

Open Items for Discussion

No open items for discussion

Zoning Inspector Report

Inspector Corns reported the recent permits and activity, as follows:

- New construction on Harbor View Lane
- New construction on Canoe Lane
- Above ground pool on Twp. Rd. 80
- Porch remodel on Twp. Rd. 37
- Lot split on Twp. Rd. 82

Visitor Comments

None

Zoning Commission Member Comments/Questions

Discussion was held on the status of the campsite, which is currently Stans Bar, located on Blackbird Lane. The board wanted to know if one campsite has ever been built. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that no campsites have been built/installed. Concerns of what is being done on that particular property and what was told to the board when the owner applied for the approval of the conditional use to operate a campground was discussed. The board voiced that they felt that the description of a camp store and a small carryout was told to them and not the size of bar/restaurant that is currently being operated.

Agenda for next Monthly Zoning Meeting

Zoning Regulation Review

Open Items for Discussion

After no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary