



The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Rootstown Town Hall.

Present:

Absent:

Karen Henry

Ginny Hamilton

George Tishma

Steve Brown

Bob Moses

Rob Swager

Also present:

Jim Mahood, Zoning Inspector

Van Black, Asst. Zoning Inspector

Brett Housley, Trustee

Audience

Roger Carpenter

Wesley Willis

Jim Mahood, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Mahood stated that since this is the first meeting of the new year the board needs to make a nomination for chairperson. George Tishma nominated Karen Henry for the position and Bob Moses seconded that motion, Karen Henry accepted, roll was taken and passed. Mr. Mahood asked for nominations for vice chairperson, Karen Henry nominated George Tishma, Bob Moses seconded, George Tishma accepted the nomination, roll was taken and passed. Mr. Mahood turned the meeting over to Karen Henry. Mr. Mahood mentioned that the board needs to vote on the scheduled day and time of the Zoning Commission meetings.

The board voted to keep the same scheduled day (3rd Monday of the month) and time (7:00 p.m.).

Karen asked everyone to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

Karen Henry asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting? George Tishma made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared, it was seconded by Steve Brown , roll was taken and passed 4-0.

Karen Henry asked if Mr. Housley had any comments he needed to make. Mr. Housley introduced Rob Swager back to the Zoning Commission board. Mr. Housley then brought up the idea of the joint meeting with the respective boards and the Trustees, Mr. Housley wanted to get the Zoning Commissions thoughts on who should attend in a speaking compasity and subjects to cover. George Tishma brought and idea for website soley for the purpose of the Zoning Commission, so they can update the community on what they are working on. Mr. Housley mentioned the new Township website has a zoning section where the community can ask questions by contacting the Zoning department, Mr. Housley said he would bring up this idea to the other Trustees. Karen Henry thought it would be a good idea if the citizens can contact the Zoning Commission directly via e-mail. Mr. Housley said again he would bring all these ideas up to the other Trustees and also asked if there was a date that worked for everyone to get togeather, the board said they are pretty open to any date. Mr. Swager asked if the Trustees are still planning to drop their membership with the Regioanal Planning Department and who will the Zoning Commission get information from? Mr. Housley said the Trustees are still discussing that possibility and other arrangements can be made for information on questions the board may be seeking. Karen Henry asked if Todd Peetz from Regional Planning will be attending any meetings in the next couple months, Mr. Housley said he belived so and will check on his schedule. Mr. Housley wanted to get back to the subject of the joint meeting and if the board has any request who they may like to hear speak, the board said they didn't care but would like to see more members of the other board participate this year. Discussion took place regarding last year's meeting and the speakers who participated, the members felt that those speakers (N.E.O.M.E.D and Ravenna's Mayor Bica)didn't discuss anything that involved them. Mr. Housley needed to

leave and the board continued it's discussion on the joint meeting, Mr. Swager mentioned that he is part of a group that is working on a new location for the public school to possibly relocate and build, and he thought it may be a good idea to have members of the school board to attend the meeting to update both boards on their ideas and plans.

Karen Henry asked the Zoning Inspector if he had any news of any new projects happening in the Township, Mr. Mahood said he's had a few conversations with people looking to build but nothing at the stages of breaking ground yet. Mr. Mahood thought it would be a good idea if the board caught Mr. Swagger up todate with what the board has been discussing. Karen Henry mentioned the previous attempts to pass a resolution regarding yard sales and current talks regarding exotic animals. Karen Henry said that the board is also waiting on Regional Plannings review of the current zoning resolutions and any questions or reccomendations may have come up with. The board also discussed again their thoughts on having a website and how important it would be, Mr. Willis from the audience mentioned the hardest part for the Zoning Commission would be marketing the website to the public. Mr. Mahood said there are numerous way now that the public can contact the board, but questions or comments are very limited.

Mr. Tishma asked if any more gas wells will be drilled in Rootstown, Mr. Mahood said he hasn't heard of any more as of yet.

George Tishma made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bob Moses, roll was taken and passed.

Karen Henry, Chair
Rootstown Township Zoning Commission