

The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Rootstown Town Hall.

Present: Rob Swauger, Chair
Theresa Summers
Roger Carpenter
George Tishma
Stan Dannemiller

Absent: Steve Brown

Also present:
Jordan Michael, Assistant Zoning Inspector
Joe Paulus, Trustee
Cynthia Porter, Zoning Secretary

Audience: Dave and Judy Common

Chair, Rob Swauger, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rob began the meeting by asking for a motion to approve the January 5, 2016 minutes. Motion was made by Stan Dannemiller and seconded by Theresa Summers. All were in favor.

Rob opened the public hearing.

Public Hearing Sections 610.12 – Certificate of Use

Audience - no discussion

Section 230.02 B & C - Nuisances

Dave and Judy Common
4084 Karry Drive
Rootstown, Ohio 44272

Issue - burnt out Len Ran building located on Karry Drive
The attorney who represents Len Ran is in litigation and plans to apply for a demolition. The zoning inspector has turned the end of March into their deadline. Hopefully sometime in spring the building will be torn down.

Section 150.02- B - Definitions

Audience - no discussion

Rob Swauger asked for a motion to send these three items to the Trustees. Motion was made by Theresa Summers and seconded by Roger Carpenter to approve the following amendments and send to the Trustees for approval:

Section 150.02 B - Definitions

CERTIFICATE OF USE: A document issued by a local zoning department certifying a building's compliance with applicable usage and other laws and indicating it to be in a condition suitable for occupancy.

Section 230.02 B & C - Nuisances

(B) Any structure not maintained shall be removed consistent with

ORC 505.86 as amended. (C) Any structure destroyed by fire, flood or any other disaster in disrepair shall be removed within one year after the event occurred.

Section 610.12 - Commercial and Industrial Certificate of Use

No commercial or industrial structure shall be occupied without a township certificate of use prior to opening. This certificate will be for all new businesses, including owner changes, tenant changes, and/or name changes.

Upon roll vote was as follows: George Tishma, yea, Stan Dannemiller, yea, Roger Carpenter, yea, Theresa Summers, yea, Rob Swauger, yea.

Rob closed the public hearing.

Rob asked for review of Chapter 660.03 in the Zoning Book
Regarding areas possibly rezoned and the process – no change was noted.

New Business

Rule on storage sheds located on Route 44 are on hold.

Brief review was given on the JEDD.

Definition for the hotel/motel to the Portage County Regional Planning has been sent.

Update on the review board and design guidelines from Regional Planning meeting in January was everyone in the group is in favor of the idea. Five other Townships are interested. Three potential grants have been found most likely for an architect.

Rob Swauger asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Stan Dannemiller and seconded by George Tishma. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Rob Swauger, Chair
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