



The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Rootstown Town Hall.

Present:

Karen Henry
Steve Brown
Bob Moses
Rob Swauger
George Tishma
Ginny Hamilton
Theresa Summers

Absent:

Also present:

Jim Mahood, Zoning Inspector
Brett Housley, Trustee
Van Black, Asst. Zoning Inspector

Audience

Roger Carpenter

Karen Henry, called the meeting to order.

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? Bob Moses made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared, it was seconded by Karen Henry, roll was taken and passed 4-0. Ginny Hamilton was unable to vote because she was not present at the last meeting

Karen Henry asked Mr. Mahood if he had anything to discuss. Mr. Mahood introduced Theresa Summers to the Zoning Commission and stated that she will fill in as an alternate on their board. Mrs. Summers introduced herself to

the board and spoke of her background and then the Zoning Commission members introduced themselves.

Mr. Mahood then spoke of a possible project that may be built in the future on Tallmadge Rd. Mr. Mahood stated that the Zoning Commission will be made kept up to date on the project as needed.

Karen Henry asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes of the joint meeting of the Zoning boards and the Trustees. Mrs. Henry stated that she disagreed with what was written in that the Zoning Commission did not agree to look at and rewrite new regulations on home based businesses. Rob Swauger mentioned that he spoke with Trustee Paulus concerning language but nothing was agreed too or implied that they would look at that section. Discussion took place regarding what was said during that meeting, but no formal action was taken.

Theresa Summers asked about the background discussions that have taken placed regarding garage/yard sales, so Karen Henry took a time to briefly catch her up to speed on what has happened. Mrs. Henry read off the possible ways action can be taken regarding zoning changes to the book. The Zoning Commission stands on the fact that the Trustees can make an admendment requesting the Zoning Commission to review a resolution, but it is the Zoning Commissions decision to approve or deny that request.

Discussion took place regarding home based occupations, many of the Commission members expressed concern over changing the current resolution as it is written. Mr. Housley spoke in regards that home occupations should be invisible to the eye in a residential area. Mr. Housley said it's the boards decision to review this subject if and when they are comfortable doing so. Karen Henry stated that she personally feels she needs a break from this subject and wants to concentrate on the upcoming zoning book review. Discussion took place between the board members and Mr. Housley, the Zoning Commission regarding the difference between one home occupation and another, and who should be allowed and who shouldn't. Mr. Housley again stated that it's the boards decision if they want to review it and to think about as a group.

Mr. Mahood reminded the Zoning Commission about a previous handout that may be beneficial to them in regards to home occupations, Mr. Tishma asked if it would be possible for the Zoning Commission to hold a special workshop

with Chris Meduri of the Prosecutor's office and also one of the Trustee's to discuss this subject. Mr. Housley said he would bring their request to the other Trustee's and let them know. Steve Brown made a motion to table discussion regarding yard/garage sales until a workshop can be held and decisions agreed upon by all members, Bob Moses seconded the motion and passed 4-0-1 with George Tishma abstaining.

Karen Henry asked Mr. Housley if he had anything else he would like to discuss, Mr. Housley reiterated what Mr. Mahood said earlier in regards to Mrs. Summers joining the Zoning Commission as an alternate and is happy that she would like to get involved in the community.

George Tishma made the motion stop there and adjourn and was seconded by Steve Brown, roll was taken and passed 5-0.

Karen Henry, Chair
Rootstown Township Zoning Commission