

The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at Rootstown Town Hall.

Present:

Steve Brown
Karen Henry
George Tishma
Bob Moses
Ginny Hamilton

Absent:

Also present:

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

Chair, Karen Henry, called the meeting to order.

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bob Moses had a question regarding the fracking well located on Rootstown Rd., he was wondering if water testing was taking place. Mr. Mahood said that the drilling company is not required to test the near by creek and that well testing has taken place and other precautions have been inspected by the local field inspector.

The board questioned Mr. Housley about their concerns in not having a zoning secretary. Mr. Housley stated that it was the trustees position that Mr. Mahood is capable of doing this duty and if they have any concerns they should attend a trustee meeting. The board also questioned the use of email to send minutes and if all boards are following this new practice. George asked about the possibility of getting minutes via mail or any other form other than email, Mr. Housley said he would talk to the trustees and the zoning inspector to see if a better option is available.

Mrs. Henry restated her feeling of a lack of leadership from the trustees and that there is currently nothing to work on and discuss. Mr. Housley mentioned the car charging stations article he passed out previously or yard sale occupation language. Mr. Housley mentioned that the board discuss having an open forum so that the public can come in to ask questions or voice their concern.

Karen Henry, asked Mr. Mahood if he had anything new to report. Mr. Mahood asked if anyone attended the quarterly Zoning meeting at the regional planning office. Bob Moses said he attended and that topics such as exotic animals, sweepstakes parlors, and grants to tear down abandoned buildings were discussed. Mr. Mahood said that some of the information that was discussed can be used to update our book so that we are current with new regulations.

George Tishma asked the Zoning Inspector what he would want added in the book regarding yard sales. Mr. Mahood stated that he would like to see a definition put in so he would be able to send violation letters to those who have continuous sales on a daily basis. Karen Henry and Mr. Mahood mentioned the article in the Beacon Journal regarding yard sales and how that other communities are placing fees and regulations regarding how many they can have, signage, and times of operation. The Zoning Commission discussed the possibility of bringing back their proposal to the Trustees.

Mr. Housley had to leave to attend a previous engagement, the Zoning Commission discussed what they wanted to do regarding attending the next Trustee meeting, they will check their calanders and get with each other.

George Tishma made the motion to adjourn, Ginny Hamilton seconded it, roll was taken and passed 5-0 meeting over.

Chair
Rootstown Township Zoning Commission