



The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met for a Public Hearing session on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at Rootstown Town Hall.

Present: Karen Henry, Chair
Rob Swauger
Bob Moses
Alt. Theresa Summers

Also present:

Trustee Joe Paulus, Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak, Zoning Assistant Jordan Michael

Audience: See attached list

Chair, Karen Henry, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and asked everyone to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair, Karen Henry, asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Rob Swauger asked for certain sections of the zoning resolution to be specified in the minutes. Bob Moses made a motion to accept the minutes. Rob Swauger seconded and the motion was passed 4-0.

Chad Murdock spoke on behalf of Donphil Holdings, seeking a zoning amendment change. The requested change is for 5192 Tallmadge Road, to permit contractor's yard and storage in a Light Industrial district. PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. is using the property as such but it is neither permitted nor a conditional use in its district. The prosecutor has allowed the site to be occupied as intended, and a variance has been granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals contingent on the outcome of the amendment. Mr. Murdock expects PAR to have left by the time the amendment is in effect. He then thanked the commission and left.

Karen Henry asked the audience if they had any questions. Rob Swauger asked Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak to locate the site on the zoning map. Bob Moses asked if neighbors were notified, and Mark said they were notified when Donphil Holdings first requested the variance. Rob suggested the amendment change be approved next month after tabling it. Mark said it would require a new public hearing. Rob made a motion to accept the amendment change. Bob Moses seconded and the motion was passed 4-0.

Karen asked if the other audience members had anything to present to them. Steve Smith asked the commission how to make a zoning change. He would like to be able to store his camper on his driveway. He presented his zoning violation and the page of the zoning resolution to which it applies. Theresa Summers asked if a variance would be more appropriate, Karen said not sure.

Bob Latimer spoke and said he received the same letter. Peg Turner also spoke and

said she received a letter as well. There was general discussion about parking of campers, boats, and RVs as the commission looked over that part of the zoning resolution.

Rob Swauger made a motion to table the issue of RV storage until next month's hearing and to defer any penalties that current violators have received. He asked that the issue be put on the agenda for the trustees' meeting tomorrow and the next Zoning Commission meeting in August. Theresa seconded the motion. Bob Moses pointed out the definition of recreational vehicle and that it includes equipment.

Trustee Joe Paulus suggested that the entire section be withdrawn from the zoning resolution and that the zoning commission make a decision now, then let the public discuss the change at the next hearing. Rob withdrew his motion and Theresa withdrew her second.

Rob made a new motion to allow side parking of recreational vehicles in Section 310.09.B4 and 310.09.F2. There was no second and Rob rescinded his motion.

Bob made a motion to table the issue to the trustees, and to forgo any fines until changes are decided and presented to the public. Theresa seconded and the motion was passed 4-0.

Rob made the motion to adjourn. Bob seconded and the motion was passed 4-0.

Chair Karen Henry
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