



The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at Rootstown Town Hall.

Present:

Absent:

Karen Henry

Bob Moses

George Tishma

Steve Brown

Ginny Hamilton

Also present:

Jim Mahood, 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 corrected, the motion was seconded by Karen Henry, roll was taken and passed.

Karen Henry began with yard sale public hearing. Karen asked if the audience had a chance to read the proposed definition and amendment. An audience member asked why this was being discussed, Mrs. Henry said that it was a request from the Trustees due to complaints they have received. Question was asked, what current regulations are in the book regarding garage sales, Zoning Inspector Jim Mahood, said no current regulations exist. Summer Carpenter asked the board, why is this being heard if the Trustees already voted it down previously. Commission member George Tishma stated that the concern from the Trustees was the applied fee for garage sales and enforcement concerns. Mr. Tishma

said the Zoning Commission decided to eliminate the fee and address enforcement issues with the Zoning Inspector. Mr. Mahood said enforcement would be the same as other regulations in the book. Another audience member spoke in concern over a garage sale, that may be operating as a business in a residential neighborhood. The audience spoke of the possible problems with the wording of the proposed admendment disallowing the sale of an automobile, motorcycle, boat for example. Mr Mahood said that the wording in its intent would not consider those items as those items regularly sold at a garage sale.

The question of home based business was discussed and some residents felt that this should be considered a home occupation, but the Zoning Inspector said the yard sales do not qualify as one and that this proposed regulation would disallow yard/garage sales as being a home based occupation.

The board was asked about the next step in this process, Karen Henry said that this proposal would next be discussed by the Trustees in their public hearing and following approval or disapproval would depend on the next step. A motion was made by George Tishma to send the proposal to the Trustees, Ginny Hamilton seconded the motion, roll was taken and passed 3-1.

Karen Henry moved the next topic to P.E.V. and exotic animals, she handed out copies of articles she found concerning plug in cars. Mr. Mahood told the Zoning Commission that the Trustees were looking at having the Regional Planning office do an overview of the entire Zoning book to see if we have any missing updates on regulations currently in the book. The Zoning Board agreed to review the handouts given and develop any questions they may have.

Steve Brown made the motion to adjourn, it was seconded by George Tishma, roll was taken and passed 4-0.

Karen Henry, Chair
Rootstown Township Zoning Commission

