



The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at Rootstown Town Hall.

Present:

George Tishma
Steve Brown
Ginny Hamilton
Bob Moses

Absent:

Karen Henry

Also present:

Jim Mahood, Zoning Inspector
Brett Housley, Trustee
Todd Peetz- Regional Planning

Audience

Joe Gadd
Roger Carpenter

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, George Tishma made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Steve Brown, roll was taken and passed.

Todd Peetz introduced himself to the board. Mr. Peetz was asked to attend today's meeting by the Trustees to discuss with the Zoning Commission how his office will be reviewing the Township's current Zoning Resolutions for any needed updates or changes that may be required. Mr. Peetz asked the board how they felt about their current zoning codes and if any of them have any concerns or questions they

want to address. Mr. Peetz said this information will help him come up with a estimate of how many hours it will take to review and update the zoning codes. Mr. Peetz mentioned that Rootstown has a nice balance of commercial, a small town center along with low and medium and high density residential locations. The board stated that they try to be proactive in updating the zoning codes and they feel a review of the zoning codes especially regarding exoctic animal, PEV and property maintaince are concerns they would like to see updated. Mr. Mahood mentioned that the book currently has a code regarding nonconforming uses and structures and they could only be rebuilt at 50% of the value of the structure. Mr. Peetz said different variables go into figuring that number and it is something he can look at in his review. Mr. Mahood also brought up another issue regarding nonconforming uses and structures, the one time expansion of 20% stated in the book does not specifically list it as the structure or the land as a whole as nonconforming. Mr. Peetz said that will definatly need to be stated as the structure, in his update.

George Tishma asked how this process will take place? Mr. Peetz said he will work with the Zoning Commission regarding any possible updates or corrections. Regional Planning will go through the book chapter by chapter over the next couple of months and notify the Zoning Commission if changes are recommended. Mr. Peetz also mentioned having one large public hearing at the end instead of multiple hearings through out his review.

Mr. Mahood mentioned that the annual Ohio Planning Seminar will be next month and anyone interested in attending contact him as soon as possible so he can registrar the Township with those attending.

Karen Henry asked Mr. Mahood if the date in the Record Courier advertising the public hearing to be held by the Trustees regarding Yard/Garage sales was correct. Mr. Mahood was unaware of the posting and Brett Housley stated that no date has been set and they will let the Zoning Commission know in advance. Todd Peetz said an error by a reporter at the Regional Planning meeting may be the cause of the misinformation.

Steve Brown mentioned that he saw his first P.E.V. hookup at a business in the Cleveland area. A small discussion took place regarding charging time.

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