



The Rootstown Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 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
Van Black, Asst. Zoning Inspector
Brett Housley, Trustee

Audience

Roger Carpenter
Wesley Willis

Chair, Karen Henry, called the meeting to order.

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Henry asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting? George Tishma made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared, it was seconded by Bob Moses, roll was taken and passed 4-0.

Ginny Hamilton asked why are we looking at exotic animal regulations and if there was a complaint made regarding a resident who currently has an exotic animal on their property. Discussion took place regarding why and how the laws have changed regarding permits and prohibition

of such animals. George Tishma said he is satisfied with the new Ohio Revised Code regulations and thought the Township should just go by that. Steve Brown said something should be in our book so residence should not have to cross reference books. The board discussed the possibility of putting topics on the Township website so residence can have a say in what the board should be looking at. Karen Henry mentioned if it is possible to have an open meeting like the Zoning Department had a couple of years ago. Discussion took place between the board and the public regarding how long the minutes take to appear on the website.

Mr. Willis spoke to the board regarding exotic animals and how the board needs to be careful in over regulating the residents, when the State of Ohio already has laws in place. He feels it is a privacy issue and should be kept at that. Roger Carpenter asked again how this subject was introduced to the board and Karen Henry reiterated that it was one of a few subjects they were reviewing. The board decided to continue discussions regarding exotic animals and other subjects at their next scheduled meeting in January. George Tishma made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bob Moses, roll was taken and passed.

Karen Henry, Chair
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