

Planning Commission – October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Chip Wells. Others present were Commissioners; Clair Strandlie, Jan Erickson, Connie Anderson, Paul Horgan; Zoning Administrator, Terry Schumann and Clerk, Nancy Hedin.

The minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Laurie Fransisco was present to discuss the temporary structures. She stated that they have put up several of the roll up temporary structures. When these were placed they were acceptable according to the zoning ordinance. Now, with the proposed zoning changes on temporary structures, what are they suppose to do with all of the things that are stored during the six months that they are to be taken down.

Wells spoke on the temporary structures. He questioned Fransisco's feelings on having her structures "grandfathered in", but not allowing any more structures to be placed.

Fransisco stated that she is speaking for her fellow community members. These temporary structures are more affordable than putting up a garage and keep the area cleaned up.

Strandlie suggested having these temporary structures taxed.

Horgan stated that the term "temporary" will need to be discussed.

Susan Quest spoke on having compliance language brought into the zoning ordinance.

Terry Schumann gave the update on permits let and compliance inspections made. Schumann also reported on blighted properties that have been cleaned up.

Jan Erickson stated that she would rather see a nice looking hoop house being used as storage, than having stuff lying all over the yard.

Schumann discussed permits with these structures.

Strandlie stated that there should be an annual permit fee.

Discussion followed on eliminating the word "temporary" from the definition on hoop houses as temporary structures.

Kroening was present and spoke as to how the township board members responded to the recommendations that were received from the Planning Commission.

Horgan stated that he would recommend the following--

The Planning Commission should send the same document on temporary structures back to the Town Board with the following changes:

1. Annual permit
2. Leave 12 out of 12 months
3. Stays the same
4. Stays the same
5. Leave out
6. Leave out
7. Stays the same

Set a fee that is reasonable to the value that the structure is making to the property.

Motion was made by Horgan, second by Strandlie to approve the following changes on temporary structures to be recommended to the township board. (See attached document)

The board moved the discussion to portable storage containers.

Horgan stated that he believed that the wording on the portable storage containers should not be changed. They were never designed to be anything but a temporary portable storage container.

Schumann stated that they should meet set backs.

#3 Deleted

#4 Remain on a parcel longer than 60 consecutive days and no longer than 12 months, removed within 30 days after construction is complete.

#6 To not exceed 600 sq. ft.

Motion was made by Horgan, second by Erickson to approve the recommended changes on portable storage containers. All Aye. Motion passed. (See attached document)

The board began discussion on recreational camping vehicles. The board felt that more research needs to be done on this topic.

Wells suggested publicizing this to hear the public's view on the issue.

Motion was made by Strandlie, second by Horgan to table the recreational camping vehicles recommendations until spring.

Wells stated that he spoke to a representative from East Central Development Commission about tabling the comprehensive development plan until spring.

Motion was made by Strandlie, second by Erickson to table the comprehensive development plan until the Planning Commission can get a scope of what they want. All Aye. Motion passed.

Motion was made to adjourn.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
Nancy Hedin, Clerk