

CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Mr. Pieri.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE conducted at 7:02 PM

ROLL CALL: Members Present –Koster, Kozma, Pieri, Wilcox, Keighley, Speidel

Members absent -- Patton

Others Present: Dave Murray *Deputy Supervisor*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 9, 2019

Motion: *Moved by Mr. Kozma, seconded by Mr. Keighley to approve minutes of April 9, 2019*

Vote: *All aye. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mail from Township attorney regarding ordinance language on accessory structures

Motion: *Moved by Mr. Koster, supported by Ms. Wilcox to approve the agenda with the addition. Vote: All aye. Motion carried.*

ZBA REPORT: Mr. Pieri: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT--None

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance language regarding accessory structures and buildings

In the context of an email (attached) from the Township attorney to the Supervisor recommending amending the ordinance section 6.12.(B), which relates to dimensional restrictions for accessory structures, Commission members extensively discussed several aspects of the ordinance:

- * definitions of structure, building, accessory structures and accessory buildings as written in the ordinance section 5,
- * clarifying and simplifying the definitions
- * differences between structures and buildings: all buildings are structures but not all structures are buildings; primary structures and primary buildings
- * clarifying car ports as buildings vis-a-vis structures; square footage of carports affects total allowable square footage for storage; permits required for construction of carports; need to account for them in the ordinances;
- * need to separate some structures from dimensional restrictions of total 1800 square feet allowed for storage
- * change wording in proposed amendment from 'accessory structures' to 'accessory buildings';
- * maybe establish a structure table and a building table
- *concern of individuals using Zoning Board of Appeals for variances;
- * concern with lack of enforcement capacity to address numerous violations

- * concern that the proposed amendment creates additional loopholes.
- * whether to expand 1800 square feet limitation to 2000 square feet

Mr. Pieri recommended Mr. Kozma meet with Mr. Clymer and possibly Township attorney to address concerns and to clarify what the proposed amended ordinance would achieve.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elect new chairperson

Motion: Moved by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Keighley, to elect Mr. Pieri as chairperson.

Vote: Ayes 4, Nays 1 (Mr. Pieri). Motion passed.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Keighley, to elect Mr. Kozma as vice chairperson.

Vote: All aye.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: ***Motion: Moved by Mr. Koster, seconded by Ms. Speidel, to adjourn the meeting.***

Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.