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VEVAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Vevay Township Hall – 6:30 p.m.

(via Zoom)

MINUTES

Members present: Roll Call attendance taken due to meeting via Zoom.

Ginette Anderson, Jack Cady, Chris Lewis, Pattie McNeilly, Jim Minster, and Al Winters.

Member absent: None (there is currently one vacancy on the Commission).

Other Persons present: Zoning Administrator David Vincent.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Lewis.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in audience joined the Commission in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Set/Amend Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Regular/Public Hearing November 10, 2020

No amendments were offered.

MOTION Cady, seconded by McNeilly, to approve the November 10, 2020, regular/public hearing meeting minutes as submitted.

CARRIED 6-0.

V. Brief Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Reports

A. November 2020 Building Report

The previously distributed November report indicated one individual activity, the installation of an in-ground pool.

B. November 2020 Zoning/Enforcement Report

The previously distributed report indicated eleven cases remain open and are in varying stages of resolution. There have been four new violation cases opened this fall. Since Mr. Vincent has started with the Township, 36 complaint-based cases have been resolved or brought into

compliance. Several of the cases are progressing in a manner to be resolved or in compliance relatively soon.

VII. Pending Business

A. Zoning Ordinance Possible Amendments

Commission continued discussion on revisions made to 'draft' version of section 15:05, Landscaping Requirements. Suggestion was made to provide clear language on what the ordinance was attempting to accomplish. Possibly an intent and purpose statement. With regard to the requirement for berms and islands for commercial properties, what is the intended purpose? Commissioner Minster offered to look into what true value berms and islands add to topography.

Chair Lewis requested that all commissioners forward final thoughts and revisions prior to January meeting in order to prepare document for legal review and drafting.

Commission also revisited possible amendment to section 3:09 Accessory Buildings and Structures. Discussion with regard to definitions in section 2:14 of Main Building and section 2:17, Principal Use, ensued. Language in both definitions needs to be reviewed along with possible revisions to Section 3:09.

Zoning Administrator, David Vincent shared that other townships he has worked with do not allow a barn or shed on a parcel as a 'main' building. Often these types of structures fall into disrepair and add to blight.

VIII. Any Other Business

Chair Lewis welcomed Ginette Anderson as the newest planning commission member. It was noted that Commissioner Anderson was involved in a subcommittee with regard to the revision of the gravel mining ordinance last year and was a valuable participant.

IX. Additional Public Comment

A public attendee stated that he was not in favor of allowing accessory structures on parcels without a residence. He agreed that this could add to blight in the township when structures are not maintained.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Pattie McNeilly, Secretary