

TYRONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 13, 2014

PRESENT: Mark Meisel, Deb Lee, Dave Wardin, Cam Gonzalez, Anne Linder, Ron Puckett, and Bill Wood

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning Administrator Vanessa Bader and Tyrone Township Planner Sally Hodges.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Meisel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None present

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Linder moved to approve the agenda as presented. (Wardin seconded)
The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Line 38 - close space in "previously"
2. Line 40 – change "out" to "our"
3. Line 79 - add "d" to "provide"

Gonzalez moved to approve the minutes as amended. (Puckett seconded). The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1: Finalize Noise Regulations

Chairman Meisel reviewed changes that added times which included holiday fireworks times as allowed by State law. He questioned if we should remove times regarding fireworks since the Board did not include any in their recent update of the Fireworks Display Ordinance. He asked the Zoning Administrator what she felt. She stated she would like to see time restrictions in place for the egregious offenders and it may allow us and/or the police to better enforce the Ordinance. She does get calls about fireworks going off well after midnight during the time around the 4th of July. Meisel asked Gonzalez if he thought the Board would be receptive to the noise standards. Gonzalez stated he thought they would be.

Chairman Meisel also commented on the general noise restrictions and if we do not allow exemptions or different times for fireworks, just about all fireworks would violate the noise ordinance and we would be prohibiting them. He also spoke with Sergeant Mueller of the Livingston County Sherriff's Department and he said he will enforce our rules if we have an ordinance and he can understand it.

Gonzalez noted that the Board had no documentation or public comment at their meeting when they made their decision on the fireworks ordinance.

The Zoning Administrator said we now have a specific fireworks complaint forms and all complaints will be directed to her so we can get a better handle on how many complaints, where they are coming from, etc.

Discussion on the noise level approach for fireworks noise. This might better consider the rural atmosphere and if someone has a lot of acreage and no one complains, they can take more liberties with what they fire off and when, but a noise standard will have more protection for those in subdivisions.

Wardin did not think it was necessary and it will be difficult to enforce by police and some other members agreed. Chairman Meisel said it is designed for the gross offenders.

The new noise chart was reviewed and an increase in decibels was proposed for the industrial district as previously discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS #2: Finalize Fireworks Retail Sales

Ms. Hodges stated that she had included fireworks as a seasonal outdoor sales use under our the Zoning Ordinance's existing temporary structures and uses section.

The Planning Commission discussed the amount of time allowed for each permitting period. A change was made to allow a business (2) fourteen day permits, per year, with one of them being allowed a seven day extension. The permits can also be used consecutively.

The Zoning Administrator questioned the language that says the ZA or the Planning Commission can approve and how do you know when an application goes where. The decision was to allow the permit to be approved administratively.

Wardin questioned the "time of year" and "holiday" reference and questioned if someone could sell Elvis memorabilia near Elvis' birthday. He thought people could maybe take it to the extreme and we could have seasonal sales year-round. He suggested more specific language. There was discussion on using "national holiday", but Lee commented that Halloween is a time of year but not a national holiday. The Zoning Administrator suggested using some examples like Halloween, Christmas, Mother's day, etc. The Commission recommended revising the language to refer to "state or federally recognized holiday or season of the year".

Lee suggested adding a letter "d" to the category and making fireworks separate. The Commission agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS #3: Finalize the PC/PCS/PIRO Use Chart

Planner Hodges reviewed the changes from the last meeting. The Commission recommended combining some more categories on vehicles and equipment. Linder noted that power generation (wind and solar) uses were not added. Planner Hodges will make those additions for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS #1: Open Space Requirements – Due to the lateness of the hour this topic was deferred to our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS #2: Text for County Store Designation - Due to the lateness of the hour this topic was deferred to our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS #3: PC Annual Report

Chairman Meisel prepared a proposed annual report as required by state statute to highlight what the Planning Commission has done over the past year and what they intend to do in the following year. He hopes that the Commission and Board can be on the same page when it comes to ordinances and plan who is going to work on what ordinance. Looking at the timeline provided, the Zoning Administrator stated that she knows the Board is working on a dangerous buildings and general nuisance ordinance as regulatory ordinances. There was discussion on a joint meeting with the Board. The report was agreed upon and will be presented to the Board for their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS #4: Schedule Public Hearing For Amendments - Due to the lateness of the hour this topic was deferred to our next meeting.

Future Items: Schedule public hearing for amendments.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2014 - Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted by:
Vanessa Bader
Zoning Administrator