

Reynolds Township Planning Commission
June 4, 2015, 7:00 pm Meeting
Minutes of Meeting as Follows

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation:

Roll Call:

Members Present: Robert Richards, Pete Groendyk, Dave Kohn, Aaron Kindel, Rick Eversole, Don Bowen.

Members Absent: Paul Mason

Public Comment: None given.

Commission Comments:

Consent Agenda: Approve April 2, 2015, also May 7, 2015 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion by Robert Richards to accept consent agenda second by Don Bowen. 6 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Old Business:

Continue working on sign ordinance 13.3 on proposed language.

After numerous meetings the commission came to a mutual agreement for language for LED and/or electronic signs proposed language changed to ordinance 13.3 is as follows:

Page 73 Item B-8 Electronic displays

A sign or portion of a sign with a fixed or changing display of words, symbols, figures or images composed of a series of lights that can be electronically or mechanically changed by remote or automatic means LCD, LED, computer, plasma or similar display.

Page 74 Item C-4 Illumination:

Illumination. Signs may be internally illuminated or if externally illuminated, the source of the light shall be enclosed and directed to prevent the source of light from shining directly onto traffic or neighboring property. Maximum brightness levels shall not exceed 0.2 foot candles over ambient light levels measured within 150 feet of the sign at all times of the day and night.

Page 78 Sign Regulation Applicable to Zoning Districts Item G-10 D

Shall not appear to flash, undulate, pulse, portray explosions, fireworks, flash of light, blinking or chasing lights, move toward or away from the viewer, expand or contract, bounce, rotate, spin, twist, or engage in other similar movements. A traveling or scrolling message may only come from one direction. Shall have a single color background that displays a single color at any one time and shall not have audio output.

A motion to accept these items as written and to schedule a public hearing on sign ordinance 13.3 proposed changes by Robert Richards second by Aaron Kindel 6 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

For discussion purposes Howard City Recycling wood products / Dale Kass. A statement was made by a commission member that all of the facts regarding this item was not known at the time it was being processed and if the facts were known it may or may not have made a difference of the outcome. But the facts should have been given to this commission for a true evaluation.

It was brought to the commission's attention that Dale Kass has been removing items from the property; the question is why he is still allowed on the property and why is he removing item? It is this commission's opinion once the property was seized nothing should be removed. The main question is what steps will be taken to retrieve said items?

The most important item is the potential of ground water / well contamination and what steps will be taken to notify the community.

A commission member stated at this time there may or may not be products on sight that would produce contamination this will not be known until testing is

done.

It is our understanding that clean-up of any type cannot start until a full and complete testing of items have been completed and all Federal and State agencies are on board.

Rick Eversole was present at the meeting who is a commission member and also has been appointed by the Township Board as coordinator on this project. He answered commission members' questions to the best of his ability and stated that he would pass the information that was given at this meeting along to the Township Supervisor, such as removal of items from property.

Several commission members were upset and believe if all facts were known the outcome possibly could have been different and Mr. Kass would not have been allowed to continue with his business but they also recognized the fact that the outcome may have been the same.

New Business: Keeping of animals section 2.13

Brief discussion on this item before it was tabled for next meeting was that all districts should be allowed the keeping of animals given the proper area.

Public Comments: No additional comments

Commission Comments: None

Adjourned at 8:45 pm motion by Aaron Kindel second by Pete Groendyk, 6 ayes 0 nays motion carried