

Hiram Township Zoning Board
August 1, 2018

Board Members: Chairman, Jim Pochedly, Norm Webb, and Tim Kasper.

Public Present: Janet Pancost, Gary Bott, Tierney Bryant, Judy Zidonis, Zoning Inspector Rich Gano.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary, Eric Hankinson stated that a legal notice for the meeting was published on July 29, 2018.

Mr. Pochedly asked the audience if they had anything to present as concerns. Ms. Pancost, Mr. Gano and the other BZA members presented some information related to trends that they are encountering in the BZA meetings over the last year.

Overall list of items being presented by the Township Board of Zoning Appeals and the Township Zoning Inspector to the Zoning Board for consideration as possible updates to the Township Zoning Code:

- 1) The tightening of some of the Zoning Code that would change the word “may” to “shall” in order to be more explicit with the intent of the Code
- 2) Doubling application fee when applying for a Variance if they have already begun construction without a permit
- 3) Missing fee schedule from current version of the Zoning Book (should be on the Township web site)
- 4) 85ft setback from RoW for all buildings on the property, not just primary dwellings
- 5) Driveways – construction guidelines for fire, ems & safety ingress/egress
- 6) Retail Sales in the Township – Bakery with auto traffic, Greenhouse that resold other stock,
- 7) Wedding Barns – seeking agricultural exemptions when they are clearly commercial operations, regulating them as commercial properties, the idea of “agri-tourism”
- 8) Zoning Code section about fencing is missing that a permit is required in order to construct a fence
- 9) Carport – whether or not it is an accessory building

The Zoning Board members discuss if they have anything that they can immediately send to Regional Planning for review. They decide that they do not have anything immediately to send.

Norm Webb made a Motion to adjourn, Tim Kasper seconded.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

Norm Webb: Yes

Jim Pochedly: Yes

Tim Kasper: Yes

The meeting is adjourned at 8:36pm.