

Hiram Township Zoning Board
April 17, 2019

Board Members: Chairman, Jim Pochedly, Norm Webb, Tim Kasper, Roger Monroe, and Don Prall.

Public Present: Zoning Inspector Rich Gano.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Secretary, Eric Hankinson stated that a legal notice for the meeting was published on April 14, 2019.

Chairman Pochedly started the meeting to review the minutes from the previous meeting on October 3, 2018.

The Board then started reviewing topics from the last meeting that were deferred using the previous meeting's minutes as a reference.

First up was regarding Wedding Barns. The Board had some discussion about what constitutes Agri-Tourism. Rich Gano was asked at the end of the last meeting if there was any further news to bring it to the Board's attention. Since there was no additional news from the County, the Board decided to table the topic until further notice.

Mr. Webb made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Mr. Kasper seconded.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

Norm Webb: Yes

Jim Pochedly: Yes

Tim Kasper: Yes

Roger Monroe: Yes

Don Prall: Yes

The Board then moved onto the topic of Carports being constructed within Township limits. There was a significant amount of discussion by the Board regarding this topic. The end result is that Rich Gano is tasked with reaching out to Regional Planning to see if they have any updated wording and policy on Carports. The Board decided to table the topic until further notice.

The Board then moved onto the topic of Driveway construction regulations. The Board discussed some previous ideas on what was suggested in past meetings. Rich Gano had provided some suggested wording to the Board. This driveway+ info suggested by Mr. Gano was lifted from Mantua Township's code. The Board agreed to using the same language as Mantua Township as a starting point.

Mr. Kasper made a motion to include Rich's recommendations on Driveways. Mr. Monroe seconded.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

Norm Webb: Yes
Jim Pochedly: Yes
Tim Kasper: Yes
Roger Monroe: Yes
Don Prall: Yes

Mr. Webb brings up a previous Board conversation from a few years ago related to reviewing the possibility of bringing in a Planning Consultancy that could review current Zoning Regulations and provide further suggestions for improvement. The Board had a discussion to determine what the scope of such an engagement would look like. Mr. Webb suggested that it may be of use to have such a company available to help review wording and such. Mr. Pochedly suggested that if the Board could get some feedback specifically around Open Space Development that would be of use. Further research is needed, Mr. Webb & Mr. Monroe volunteered to find in the notes of much older meetings to find some companies that had come forward in the past.

Mr. Kasper makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Webb seconds.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

Norm Webb: Yes
Jim Pochedly: Yes
Tim Kasper: Yes
Roger Monroe: Yes
Don Prall: Yes

The meeting is adjourned at 8:27pm.