

Marilla Township Planning Commission Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30

Welcome: Mike Picchiotti

Present: Mike Pichiotti, Janet Howes, Pat Ellis, and Jan Thomas, Vic Ellis(Z.A.), Rob Bacigalupi (Mission North planning advisor), Misty Cudney (M. Township Clerk)

There were 5 guests from the community.

The minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting were read by Jan Thomas and approved by the Commission members.

We briefly touched on the progress of steps needed to work toward enforcement of the Junk ordinance. It was reported that 23 community members participated in “Cleanup Day” and the refuse truck was about $\frac{3}{4}$ full. This was considered a good response. We think that the letter sent by the Board contributed to that success. Mike and Vic still need to meet to compile a list of non-compliant properties.

We continued to review proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance that include additions, corrections, and deletions with our advisor, Rob. Those proposed changes can be found in documents dated October 7, 2021 prepared by Rob (Mission North), including memos for discussion and Exhibits A and B. They will be filed for future reference and accompany these minutes in official records. **Note that**: underlined text is added language, stricken text is deleted language.

- “Overhanging signs” was deleted and noted that political signs cannot be limited
- Billboards require a special use permit. It was determined that the size of the billboard allowed would be 200 sq. ft.
- Rob will check with the Township attorney, Brian Graham to verify that we are on the right track legally as we prepare amendments.
- The Township official map is dated 2014 but there are noted inconsistencies between the Zoning Ordinance and the map. It needs to correspond with the ordinance. We need to accomplish preparation of a new one.
- Note that: in 80.6 of the Ordinance, pg. 3 of Exhibit B “Non- Conforming Lots” should have been underlined. Our ordinance states that a list of nonconforming land uses needs to be recorded, filed, and added to through time. It is believed that this was never accomplished and should be on a “to do” list.

- There is a need to include “cluster dwelling” in the definitions portion of the Ordinance.
- We have problems with inconsistency between the official Township zoning map of 2014 and the zoning ordinance details. The map needs to be redone so that it adequately reflects requirements pertaining to each zoned area.
- Do we have anything in the ordinance that adequately deals with “scrapping”? Does the Blight and Junk ordinance address this appropriately?
- FR (forest land/ public lands) pg. 64 of z. ordinance. Rob may change this table to include forest lands and their allowable uses.
- Parcel division may need some work.

We will set the calendar for the fiscal year in June for 2022-2023. However until that time, we will set the remaining dates until June at the next meeting.

Next meeting: December 8, at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 (Pat (1), Jan (2), carried)

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Thomas, secretary