

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963

JUNE 4, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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A special meeting was held on June 4, 2009 at 6:00 PM to discuss the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinances.

Attending were Chairman Larry Zimmerman, Vice-Chairwoman Diane Tobin, Supervisors Allen Aungst and Jerry Wise. Supervisor Judith Lehman was absent. Also present: Sect. / Treas. Kathy Ferguson and Janet Krammes. Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting did not begin until 6:30 PM.

Discussion was held on the following items in the draft revised zoning ordinances:

- ♦ The need to properly reflect in the new ordinance all ordinances that were amended since codification.
- ♦ Provision for sanitary landfills, the issue remains to find out if it is necessary to provide for them since we already have a landfill.
- ♦ In §540 increasing the lot size from ten acres to twenty five was discussed, no decision was made.
- ♦ Adding language to §651 to prohibit burning leaves was discussed. Aungst said they should be composted and Tobin agreed. Zimmerman said he didn't agree because we are not providing a place for them to compost the leaves. Tobin moved to incorporate in the ordinance no burning of leaves. Motion died for lack of a second.
- ♦ Changing the language in §651 to prohibit burning of items that are recycled by the Township was discussed, no decision was made.
- ♦ Pets and keeping animals on your own property was discussed, definition of pets and agricultural regulations were reviewed.
- ♦ Outdoor Storage § 630 – The Board would like clarification of the intent of this section.

Changes made by the Board of Supervisors to the draft revised zoning ordinances:

- ♦ Pg 83 §603.2.A Swimming Pool – Change last line to “A screen planting shall be established and maintained between the pool and the lot lines if the lot lines are within twenty (20) feet of the pool.”
- ♦ Pg 83 §603.2.D Tennis/Basketball Court – Change last line to “A screen planting shall be established and maintained between the fence and the lot lines if the lot lines are within twenty (20) feet of the court.”
- ♦ Pg 96 §610.1.A Air Management – Change sentence to read “Open burning is permitted as per Section 651.”
- ♦ Pg 120 §634.1.A Environmental Standards – Change sentence to read “Open burning is permitted as per Section 651.”
- ♦ Pg 132 §637 Storage of Vehicles – Change number one and two to allow a resident to have one unlicensed vehicle and one camper without having them enclosed in a building. Add optional language for an additional unlicensed vehicle if covered with a tarp.
- ♦ Pg 158 §654.2.C Outdoor Furnaces – Minimum lot size should be changed to three acres.
- ♦ Pg 159 §654.2.O Outdoor Furnaces – last line, “four feet of any lot line” should be changed to “ten feet of any lot line”

Corrections (typographical and references) to the draft revised zoning ordinances:

- ♦ Pg 26 Definitions > Pets, Keeping of – second last line, typo in front of “animals”
- ♦ Pg 114 §629.5 Historical Areas – Reference on last line should be Section 629 (7).
- ♦ Pg 114 §629.6 Historical Areas – Reference on last line should be Section 629 (7).
- ♦ Pg 115 §629.7 Historical Areas – Reference on last line should be Section 629 (8).
- ♦ Pg 121 §634.1.D Environmental Standards – second line, typo in “hazardous”

Corrections, cont.

- ♦ Pg 122 §634.4.A Environmental Standards – districts are incorrectly listed
- ♦ Pg 122 §634.6.A Environmental Standards – first line, typo in “ground”
- ♦ Pg 125 §635.1.D Timber Harvesting – page is blank
- ♦ Pg 143 §642.8.A Bed and Breakfast – Reference on last line should be Section 648.
- ♦ Pg 132 §639.1 Highway Frontage – first line, “loaning” should be “loading”
- ♦ Pg 156 §650.1 Floodplain Control – Township Ordinance number is missing
- ♦ Pg 157 §651.1.C Burning Wood and Leaves – “(112) inch” should be “(1/2)” inch
- ♦ Pg 158 §654.2.G.1 Outdoor Furnaces – first line, “ally” should be “any”
- ♦ Pg 158 §654.2.G.2 Outdoor Furnaces – first line, “no more than 1.50 feet” should be “no more than 150 feet”
- ♦ Pg 158 §654.2.H Outdoor Furnaces – typo before “Permitted fuel”
- ♦ Pg 159 §654.2.K Outdoor Furnaces – last line, typo in “stricter”
- ♦ Pg 177 §811 Sign Permits – “Section 643” should be “Section 648”
- ♦ Pg 188 ZONING DISTRICTS – Heading has typo

Other Business

- ♦ **Moen Agreement** – The Board reviewed the easement agreement for Roberts Road from the Moen Group. Zimmerman moved to approve and sign the agreement, Aungst seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.
- ♦ **Computer Purchase** – Tobin presented a quote from American Computers for two computers purchased through COSTARS with Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2007 software for \$3,011.00. Tobin suggested an additional purchase of an external hard drive for approximately \$300 to be used with the new computers. Zimmerman asked if the price included networking the computers and Tobin said no, it does include the setup and transfer of files. Zimmerman said he would vote no if they were networked because the Township had spent money before on networking and then more money to take the network out. Tobin moved to purchase the computers for \$3,011.00 as quoted and an external hard drive. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.
- ♦ **Recreation Area Bathroom Facilities** – Aungst said Frank Fox is unable to do the electrical and plumbing work for the plans and he talked with CadWorx & Company who did the office building for Matt Brandt. CadWorx quoted him \$35 per hour with a maximum cost of \$1300 and would have the work completed in a week. Fox would give them his file and let them seal the plans. Aungst moved to approve CadWorx & Company completing the project as quoted, Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.

Public Comment

- ♦ **Janet Krammes** asked who addresses the issues if these zoning ordinance revisions are approved. Zimmerman said it is up to the Board of Supervisors what is done after the Zoning Officer decides there is an infraction of the ordinances. Tobin said she doesn't agree, it is the Zoning Officer who enforces the ordinances. Zimmerman said the Zoning Officer can go to the people and tell them what to correct, but he can't impose fines. Krammes asked how much time people would have to correct a problem. Zimmerman said it is up to the Board.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors 6/10/09.