

September 21st,

2011

Held _____ 20 _____

The Etna Township Zoning Commission met on September 21st, 2011 in the Etna Township Administration Building for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting. The meeting was audio recorded for the township records. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Essex. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call showed the following members present: Randy Snider, Freddie Latella, Trent Stepp, Robert Essex, Bill Young and clerk Laura Brown.

Freddie Latella moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Randy Snider and passed without objection.

Zoning Commission Announcements and Comments – None

Bill Young moved to waive the public reading and approve the minutes from the September 7th, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Freddie Latella and passed without objection.

Old Business

The Zoning Commission continued working on the sign code text amendment. Chris Harkness, Zoning Administrator, provided his comments regarding the draft sign text.

New Business

Dan Horn with Pilar Training/Crossfit discussed relocating his business to another building thirty feet next to his current location. The Zoning Resolution has been updated since they received their occupancy permit for the current location. A text amendment would be needed for them to move to the other location. Chris Harkness explained the NAICS Code 713940 was not in the M1 District at that time. The fitness center is noisy with the music and the weights so a general business location is not ideal for this type of fitness center. Chris Harkness stated if the Zoning Commission feels this is a good use then a text amendment is a better option over a Use Variance through the Board of Zoning Appeals. The consensus of the Zoning Commission is to start the text amendment process at the first meeting in October.

Chris Harkness discussed fences regarding swimming pools. Some Home Owners Associations have restrictions prohibiting fences taller than four feet. Some residents already have a four foot fence and with this requirement they need a six foot fence to permit the pool. There are four foot high pools that would require a six foot fence. The previous regulation was four feet. Safety concerns regarding pools were discussed. Chris Harkness found a report from the U.S. Product Safety Commission suggesting a four foot fence. Most of the incidents regarding pools were with individuals at the home and not with trespassers. The Zoning Commission sent the text amendment through two years ago with a four foot fence requirement and Licking County Planning Commission recommended it be adjusted to a six foot fence requirement. The Zoning Commission will discuss this issue further at the first meeting in October.

Public Comments

Mike Kerner discussed 1204 prohibited signs, what are we trying to regulate with the gas filled signs. Chairman Essex will look into this issue but thinks that this type of lighted sign projects more light. Mike Kerner stated a lighted sign is a lighted sign and does not feel we should pick out a certain type of sign. Chris Harkness stated the brightness level is not regulated for all signs and the Zoning Commission will review this item. Mike Kerner discussed the window signs.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Essex at 9:25 p.m.

Approved Oct 5th, 2011

Approved as corrected/amended _____

Laura Brown

Laura Brown, Clerk

Robert Essex

Robert Essex, Chairman