

Granville Township Zoning Commission
May 6, 2013

PUBLIC MEETING
Minutes

Members Present: Tom McCullough, Greg Davis, Chip Blanchard, Steve Brown
Members Absent: Vince Paumier

Chairman Blanchard opened the meeting at 7:00.

I. He said the purpose of this meeting is to specifically address some concerns which the Trustees received from some community members with regard to an unkempt property on Welsh Hills Road. The Trustee, Bill Mason, said there is nothing in the regulations which addresses concerns such as abandoned vehicles, unmowed grass, and other debris.

Some of these may be issues for the Health Department

Chairman Blanchard is having difficulty defining where to draw the line on properties that are in disrepair. Under different districts, the rules may be different, such as for the AG district, for abandoned homes, or under subdivision districts. Property values may be depressed in such a neighborhood.

Warren May is reluctant to enforce regulations, but sending a certified letter would be a start, and Chairman Blanchard will suggest that the Township Trustees send such a letter to those individuals involved.

In looking at the Zoning Regulations, the group found several chapters related to this issue: 1002-1006, 1025, 1109, but there is nothing in here about grass height. Chairman Blanchard will ask the Trustees whether there are specific articles we should be looking at. Sections 311 and 312 list penalties for noncompliance and appropriate fees.

What happens if an individual does not reply to a certified letter? The fee structure sets in, and each day a new offense is added. The Township may take other lawful action as necessary to remedy a violation.

II. We are to look at the Comprehensive Plan to see if there are any changes that should be made. The chairman will divide the book up into five sections, and members will review their section and bring comments to the next meeting.

Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 3, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Hullinger