December 14, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Richfield Township Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman, Mike Morrin. Those in attendance were Myra Condon, Mike Morrin, Don Reideler, Doug Ronau and Zoning Inspector, John Hassen. Mr. Williams was unable to attend.

The minutes of the November, 2009 meeting were read and Mr. Reideler questioned the language in amendment Reference Z34-C28. The Lucas County Plan Commission approved the Amendment with the following wording:

"New Trees and shrubs shall be planted with a minimum setback from the property line of at least one-half of the expected mature spread of the tree or shrub species or ten (10) feet whichever is greater".

At the Public Hearing in October, The members of the Zoning Commission agreed to strike the phrase "or ten (10) feet whichever is greater". This would allow a property owner to plant bushes such as rose bushes that do not have a spread of 10 feet against a fence or wall.

Further discussion was held and the Commission still believes the phrase should be stricken from the Amendment.

The minutes were then approved to be filed. Roll call: Mrs. Condon, yes; Mr. Morrin, yes; Mr. Reideler, yes; Mr. Ronau, yes.

New Business:

Mr. Hassen reported that the Trustees would like to Amend Section 7.12.2, g2 which reads:

"Signs pertaining to public elections may be erected for no more than 15 days prior to an election. Signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in total surface area or six (6) square feet for any one sign, on any lot."

The Trustees would like the signs to be erected for a longer period of time prior to the election date.

Discussion was held and the Commission was unable to find any benefit to the Township or its residents that this extension might provide. The Commission finds no reason to Amend Section 7.12.2,g2.

Violations:

Piles of stone and other non-agricultural substances are present on the SR 295 property owned by Tom Schambarger. There are no visible signs of agribusiness being conducted.

The Haupright property in the 13000 block of Sylvania Metamora contains a dump truck, boat and lawn mower.

Donny Stoll, Central Avenue, has assembled an inventory of junk vehicles.

Robert Kasafang, 3140 Kilburn Road, refused a certified letter mailed to him earlier.

The Commission would like letters mailed to these violators.

Permits:

12-09 – Abdul Akl, 4701 Kilburn Road, Accessory Building

At 8:40 pm, Mr. Ronau moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Reideler seconded his motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra A. Condon, Secretary