

**Miami Township
Zoning Commission
Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

Members of the Zoning Commission present:

Brent Anslinger, Chairperson
Michael Pothast
Cynthia Griffith
John Barber

Members of Township Staff present:

Chris Snyder, Director of Community Development
Kyle Hinkelman, Deputy Director of Community Development

Others Present:

None

Mr. Pothast called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Special Announcements

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Anslinger made a motion to approve the minutes from December 18, 2018. Mr. Barber seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes. The motion passed.

Mr. Anslinger made a motion to approve the minute from January 17, 2019. Mr. Pothast seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.

New Business

None

Work Session

Mr. Pothast made a motion to open a work session. Ms. Griffith seconded the motion and the votes was all ayes. The motion passed.

Mr. Hinkelman informed the Commission that the intention of the work session was to discuss proposed text amendments to both Article 3 and Article 38.

Mr. Hinkelman explained that proposed changes to Article 3 would address agricultural exemptions, define agricultural tourism, and clarify what authority would regulate related items and how agricultural farms are defined.

Mr. Hinkelman noted, and Mr. Snyder affirmed that the intention of these changes is to ensure that any structures that are available for tourism or other agricultural related business are safe for the public to use.

The Commission asked staff various questions related to the ORC, commercial signage, wedding venues, rodeos, parking, and other specific requirements that would be included within any proposed changes.

Mr. Pothast made a motion to initiate a proposed zoning text amendment to Article 3, Section 307 of the Miami Township Zoning Resolution. Mr. Barber seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes. The motion passed.

Mr. Hinkelman explained that the proposed changes to Article 38 would address accessory structures, accessory uses, and home occupations.

Mr. Hinkelman noted the intention of this amendment would be to clarify what uses are permitted in which districts and clarify what home occupations may be permitted in specific districts.

The Commission discussed agricultural occupations versus residential as well as the option of permitting specific uses for larger lots.

The Commission noted concerns regarding noise, traffic, and parking.

The Commission further discussed lot coverage, pools, decks, temporary storage versus permanent, and interpretations of a side or rear yard.

Mr. Snyder stated that diagrams would be included with any proposed changes and Mr. Hinkelman noted that some structures like fences, could be exempt from specific changes.

The Commission further discussed commercial versus residential tents, food trucks, outdoor sales, and any limitations of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Pothast made a motion to initiate a text amendment to Article 38 and Mr. Barber seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes and the motion passed.

Mr. Pothast made a motion to close the work session and Mr. Anslinger seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes. The motion passed.

Other Business

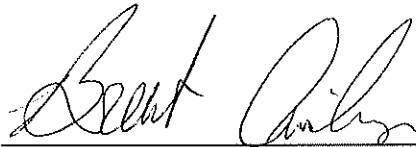
Other Business

Mr. Hinkelman reminded the Commission of the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Dinner scheduled for March 7, 2019 at 6pm to which they are all invited.

Meeting Close

Mr. Pothast made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m., Mr. Pothast seconded the motion, and the vote was all ayes. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Kessel, Recording Secretary



Chairperson

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Date