

Village of Mapleton
ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 09, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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A. Call to Order by Harvey Stidham at 7:04 pm

B. Role Call: Harvey Stidham, Chair; Patti Monks and Rodney Smith. Also attending, Pat Briggs, Clerk.

C. Subjects

a. **Review Complaints**

1. Mapleton Country Estates – Complaint filed through our website about an old pickup truck sitting in the yard that replaced the old tractor that was there previously and wants it removed. The complainant no longer lives in the area, but still owns a house in Mapleton Country Estates. There are four houses and no other residents have complained. There was a discussion about unlicensed vehicles and disabled vehicles. Everyone agreed that Non-running vehicles that are being worked on shouldn't have to be licensed (such as hobby cars). Patti Monks suggested talking with the other neighbors in Mapleton Country Estates to see how they feel about it. Harvey explained that the complainant owns property so he is an owner in the subdivision.

The committee agreed that if it looks like a resident is running a junkyard or has parts laying all around that is a problem. Harvey reminded the committee that we have limited resources so we should address issues that are an eyesore to the general community.

Carl Bishop stated that he has lived here for quite a few years and was picked on for 20 some years but he cleaned it all up so it is no longer an eyesore. He reminded Patti Monks that they went to court over two driveways and lost. He told the committee, "You've had plenty of time to look at the ordinances. I want them enforced the way they are if you aren't going to fix them. I will enforce the ordinances if the board doesn't take care of it. All this Dickering over an old truck... It's a violation, move it. It's a violation at this time until it is changed. It's my turn, I've been harassed for years and years and it is time to follow the ordinances and get it done." Harvey suggested having a special zoning meeting with our attorney present. It was

to be moved out or put in the garage; 3) there needs to be a general cleanup of garbage. Rodney Smith stated that if he is running a repair business, he needs the number of vehicles limited to what will fit in his drive. Clerk will have attorney write up a letter, as it is more involved that what she is comfortable addressing.

7. Car next to Butler's – There is a car on Spring Street next to the bar. We need to get the Vin # and send the owner a violation letter that the car needs to be moved before a certain date, and if not, it will be towed at owner's expense.

8. 8621 W. Main – SUV up on blocks for over a year. There is no garage on the property. No decision was made on this at this time.

9. 8522 W. First St. – There is a tree stump in the drive and lots of brush growing up. Clerk was asked to send a letter about having building debris and brush/weeds removed. Rodney stated that he would pick up the stump, as the resident had, on his own time, cut up a tree that fell across the road.

10. 7711 First Street – Covered carport that has the top and sides shredded and open to the elements. There are also inoperable cars on the property, one behind and one in front of the carport. Harvey state that if they can be started and backed up, they are fine.

Rodney suggested that the committee go see people first and talk with them before we send out letters. Patti agreed.

Chuck Johnson towing will tow cars from the village at no expense to the village. There are also companies that will pick up inoperable cars and actually pay for them. It was also pointed out that we have a new resident who owns a towing company and we should talk to him to see if he is interested in doing this for the village. We need to make sure we are following state law. Clerk was asked to print out zoning ordinances from other cities for us to look at and possible incorporate into our Municipal Code.

11. Mapleton Road – 9507 S. Mapleton Road. Lots of junk sitting around the property. It needs to be cleaned up.

D. **Review Ordinances** – There was a lot of discussion about reviewing the ordinances and getting rid of obsolete ordinances and simplifying current ones. Driveways were brought up, as ordinance says you can only have one driveway on a property and it can't be over 20' long, which is not feasible for many home owners. If you're not obstructing, you should be able to have whatever driveway you want.