

Village of Mapleton

ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 22, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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

B. Role Call

Present: Harvey Stidham, Patti Monks and Rodney Smith. Also present, Clerk, Patricia Briggs

C. Subjects

a. Review Complaints:

- i. 9407 S. Mapleton Rd. Resident spoke with Rodney about putting up a lean to so he could keep parts out of sight and Rodney told him to go ahead and do so.
- ii. 7533 Astle Ln. - Grass has been cut. The trailer is still there and Harvey said it looked as if someone was living in it. There were 3 lawnmowers with grass growing under and around them. Patti asked if anyone had talked with him. Harvey said he would go after the meeting and take a look to see if anything had been done.
- iii. 10208 Spring Street - Harvey said there are still a lot of cars but a lot of the junk has been picked up so it doesn't look like a junkyard. He said the resident is working to get 2 or 3 of the cars running and out of there. Mayor Bishop stated that there is still a lot of junk around the cars. Mayor Bishop said he had received several complaints that the cars were being worked on late at night and there was a lot of noise that was bothering neighbors. Clerk stated that since we don't have police officers the appropriate thing to do if a noise complaint is registered is to refer them to the county for help. Mayor passed around his cellphone with a picture on it and was told by the clerk that he needed to send her a copy to be included with the minutes of the meeting. Harvey said we could send the resident a notice about the noise complaints. He is hopeful that he'll clear out some of the vehicles.
- iv. 8504 W. Main - They have cut down a lot of the weeds and mowed. Per Harvey the committee considers the complaint closed.

- v. 9507 S. Mapleton Road – Per Harvey it looks pretty good. There are shingles stacked up ready to be put on the roof but the property looks much better.
- vi. 7533 Astle Lane – Harvey thought some work had been done and that the torn up covering on the carport had been fixed. He said he would go by and look at it to make sure.
- vii. 8521 W. First St. – Registered letter was returned as undeliverable. Clerk thought attorney had said once a letter was returned as undeliverable that we could go on the property and post a notice giving them 7 – 10 days to correct the problem. Then we would be within village rights to mow.
- viii. 9407 S. Mapleton Road – A lot of the junk has been picked up. Good effort has been made.
- ix. 8707 W. First – A lot of discussion about this property as the village has spent thousands of dollars trying to get the lot cleaned up to no avail. It would serve no purpose to put a lien on the property, as there are already liens in place that would take priority. Letter was returned as undeliverable so a notice will be placed on the door.

b. Review Ordinances

The Committee started with looking at the ordinance about driveways and a very lengthy discussion ensued. Clerk made a comment that after reading through all the ordinances from the beginning of the village, that many looked to have been instituted as personal vendettas to prevent a resident from doing something they wanted to do. The committee and the mayor agreed. Discussion followed about the possibility of throwing out the entire Municipal Code and starting over with a more standard code as used by other small municipalities. Clerk remembered attorneys talking about this at a previous meeting. Clerk was asked to contact attorney to get an idea if it is feasible and the cost. Committee was concerned about the amount of time it was going to take to work through the code and the ordinances after so much time and money had already been spent.

Harvey also brought up that the area he lives in was called a 'subdivision', but the subdivision went broke and lots were sold individually. He would like for the subdivision rules to be removed.

D. Additional Business

A. Adjourn Open Session at 8:12 pm

Transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Clerk (meeting did not record)

Patricia S. Briggs

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton on 11 September 2019

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