

Franklin Township, Portage County  
Zoning Commission Hearing  
October 25, 2017

**Members Present:** Chair Judy Spencer, Frankie Tadsen, Mary Organ, and Mike McClure.

**Others:** Administrative Assistant Jenny August.

**Call to Order:** Mrs. Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes:**

Mrs. Tadsen moved to accept the minutes as presented from the September 21, 2017 meeting. Mrs. Organ seconded. All Commission members voted yes.

**Discussion Topics:**

**Brady Lake Village Zoning and Map**

Todd Peetz, Director of Portage County Regional Planning Commission said Franklin Township cannot remove the Brady Lake Village Zoning Code as recommended by the Zoning Commission at their last meeting. The Brady Lake Village Zoning Code must be incorporated into Franklin Township's, however, he would like to give this some thought and discuss it further with Chair Spencer and Zoning Inspector Abell.

**Moving the digital sign regulations that appear in Chapter 7 for Off Premise signs to the section for On Premise signs as well.**

This was an oversight in the code revision. The Commission recommended two amendments;

The first one is actually just a correction. In Chapter 7 Section 700.04 On Premise Signs actually has two subsection D's. The Commission would like to rename the subsection titles "Temporary Advertising Signs and Special Event Signs" to be subsection "E".

The second amendment would be to add into Chapter 7 Section 700.04 a subsection "F" as follows:

*F. Additional Requirements for Multiple Message and Variable Messenger Advertising Devices, (i.e. Digital Signs).*

- 1) These types of signs shall only be permitted in any C-1, C-2, I-1, or I-2 zoning districts.*
- 2) Each message or copy shall remain fixed for at least ten seconds.*
- 3) When a message or copy changes by electronic process, it shall be accomplished in two seconds or less.*
- 4) Such advertising devices shall contain a default design that will freeze the device in one position if a malfunction occurs.*

Mrs. Organ moved to recommend the two amendments listed above. Mr. McClure seconded the motion. All Commission members voted yes.

## **Shipping Containers**

The Commission reviewed information regarding shipping containers that was provided by Mrs. Organ and came up with two options that they will discuss further when Zoning Inspector Abell is in attendance;

### Option 1):

#### *Section 405.06G Storage Containers*

*Cargo containers, railroad cars, truck vans, converted mobile homes, trailers, recreational vehicles, bus bodies, vehicles, and similar prefabricated items and structures originally built for purposes other than the storage of goods and materials are not accessory storage buildings.*

*These items may be permitted only on properties that meet the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) requirements of the county auditor.*

### Option 2)

#### *Section 405.06G Storage Containers*

*Storage containers and similar prefabricated items and structures originally built for purposes other than the storage of goods and materials are not accessory storage buildings.*

*These items may be permitted only on properties that meet the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) requirements of the county auditor.*

If this option is selected, the Commission recommends adding to the "Definitions" section;  
*Storage Container: Cargo containers, railroad cars, truck vans, converted mobile homes, trailers, recreational vehicles, bus bodies, and/or vehicles.*

The Commission agreed that at the next meeting they will discuss adding a sentence in Section 405.06G about PODS/temporary storage containers and the length of time they may be used.

### **Any other topics:**

Chair Spencer said the Commission will need to start discussions on medical marijuana related zoning laws.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 16, 2017.

**Adjournment:** Mrs. Tadsen moved to adjourn at 9:06 with a second from Mrs. Organ. All Commission members voted yes.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny August, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Judy Spencer, Zoning Commission Chair