PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

JANUARY 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Tim McCarthy. Committee members present were Tim McCarthy, Jonathan Smith, and Becky Williams. Also present were Karlene Henderson, Law Director, Brody Walters, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and Mark Easterling, Deputy Planning and Zoning Administrator.

PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT OR TRAILERS

Mr. McCarthy explained that this is a carryover item from last month's committee meeting. The committee asked the Planning and Zoning office to get some pictures of recreational vehicles being stored in rear yards. Mr. Walters distributed pictures that provided examples of how people are using their property to store vehicles and trailers. Mr. McCarthy said that some of the pictures show items in a rear yard that are not on an impervious surface. The Committee reviewed the pictures and discussed the definition of recreational equipment, recreational vehicle, and trailers. Mr. Walters stated that a trailer parked in a yard with no other Code violations is not really an issue; it is when there are numerous violations that create an accumulative effect.

The Committee agreed 3-0 that when recreational equipment or trailers are in a front or side yard, which is permitted between April 1 and October 31, they must be on an impervious surface. However, the committee felt that from November 1 through March 31, when recreational equipment and trailers must be stored in a rear yard that it not be required that they be on an impervious surface. The ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Henderson distributed draft language that would classify violations of the Planning and Zoning Code as civil offenses as opposed to criminal offenses. She asked that the committee review the language and let her know if they have any questions. She said that she drafted it to be part of the Administrative Code because although it's tailored to only affect Planning and Zoning violations, it can be used in the future should we want to implement it for other violations. Mr. McCarthy stated that this item will be included on next month's agenda.

The Committee had a brief discussion regarding the appropriate zoning classification for the newly annexed fire station property on Fort Meigs Road, and the effect that a Special Approval Use might have on the process should the permanent zoning be assigned as INS (Institutional). Mr. McCarthy said that the committee will discuss it further when it comes back from the Planning Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Acting Chairman
Planning and Zoning Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.