

**PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2006 MEETING**

**Members Present:** Bruce Whyte, Howard Balzer, Glen Hymer, Bill Rowe and Judy Stalter

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector

The meeting was called to order by Howard Balzer, Chairman, at 3:05 p.m.

Ms. Stalter moved to approve the April 25, 2006 Zoning Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Hymer seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved, roll call as follows:

Bruce Whyte: Aye  
Howard Balzer: Aye  
Glen Hymer: Aye  
Judy Stalter: Aye

Ms. Swisher presented the Board with new information provided by Trustee Steve Kennedy on the definition and regulations of commercial vehicles in other jurisdictions. The Board briefly reviewed the material and short discussion followed.

Chairman, Mr. Balzer stated the material was similar to a lot of the codes they had reviewed in the past several months.

Mr. Hymer agreed the information was similar.

Mr. Whyte attended the Board of Zoning Appeal April Meeting and gave a brief recap of the Appeal Application the BZA heard regarding the issue of a commercial vehicle being parked on Barclay Drive. After listening to testimony from resident Neil Distelhorst he felt changing the codes definition of a Commercial Vehicle would help the zoning staff and the job functions of the Board of Zoning Appeals if it was changed and made as clear as possible and he added that he would like to have additional time to review this new material.

Mr. Hymer read a portion of the new material that prohibited trash to be loaded in any vehicle while it was parked on the property.

A brief discussion followed regarding the definition section.

Ms. Swisher informed the Board that staff attended the Franklin County Technical Review Committee Meeting today and they needed be aware of the time frames on the upcoming Franklin County Planning Commission Meeting if they choose to hold a special meeting.

Chairman, Mr. Balzer stated he thought the Board had agreed the definition should be changed to read “or” in the first sentence.

Ms. Stalter said that was her understanding and agreed.

Chairman, Mr. Balzer asked members of the Board for a motion or if they preferred to wait and review the new material.

Ms. Staler stated she was conscience that Mr. Whyte was a new member on the Board and had not been here for all the previous meetings but a lot of this new material at some point had already been discussed.

Mr. Whyte stated he preferred to wait and review the new material more thoroughly.

Mr. Hymer told the Board he felt the material seemed similar to what they had reviewed in the past months but he was not opposed to waiting.

Ms. Swisher requested the Board wait a few more minutes to see if Mr. Rowe showed up. He phoned the office to tell us he would be late. Also, if the Board decides to take additional time to review the new material staff recommends the Chairman call a special meeting to keep on schedule with Franklin County Planning Commission. We have been placed on their June 13<sup>th</sup> agenda.

A discussion followed.

Mr. Rowe came in late and attended the meeting. He was given a quick up date and reviewed the new material from Mr. Kennedy. Mr. Rowe asked about the code changes previously discussed for the higher density zoning districts versus the low density zoning districts.

Ms. Swisher explained the recommendations from Mr. Distelhorst and the material provided to them in their packets (last month) with changes to 1015 #3, #4 and omitting #5.

A discussion followed and Mr. Rowe agreed to wait and review the new material.

**Chairman, Howard Balzer called a Special Meeting on Tuesday May 30, 2006 4:00 p.m.**

Old Business:       None

Announcements:    **None**

**Next Meeting:**        **Next regular meeting will be June 27, 2006 time to be announced at special meeting on May 30, 2006.**

**Adjournment:**        **The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. by Howard Balzer, Chairman.**

**Submitted by:**        **Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector**