

# Zoning Administrator Report

August 2017

Zoning Permits/Actions:				
Address	Parcel Number	Owner Name	Permit #	Improvement
7827 Pincherry	007-125-008-00	Aaron & MaryJo Smith	17/08/01	70'x70' Horse Barn
09799 Townline	007-113-002-20	Jim & JoEllen Rudolph	17/08/02	Addition to Pole Barn
11601 Summerhill	007-570-023-00	Mark Warner & Jody McLeod	17/08/03	Single Family Dwelling and attached garage
05985 Maple Grove	007-003-001-10	Jeff Sprecksell	17/08/04	5' x 14' addition
06219 Nine Mile Point	007-400-043-00	Anthony Araino	17/08/05	Replace damaged deck and install 4' walkway to shoreline

## Land Divisions

No applications received.

## Nuisance Complaints

I believed one nuisance complaint was resolved but reports are the problem was moved to another parcel of property. Following my investigation, I will be notifying the Township Attorney to proceed with legal action.

## Zoning Violations

Grady Graham has made progress in bringing his property into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance but is still a ways short of complying. I have referred this matter to the Township Attorney for resolution.

I have sent an additional letter to the owner of Toy Boxes regarding a sign that is in violation of the approved site plan. I also sent a carbon copy to the business that had the moveable sign placed in front of the building in the driveway. This was following a conversation with the owner of Frontier Classics as to how he could go about requesting the site plan be amended to allow another sign. In the days following this conversation, the sign continued to reappear and based upon deeper investigation, it appears the business itself may well be in violation of the approved site plan. More to come on this one.

Horses that are located on a parcel of property on Rocky Beach are a violation as the property is zoned Residential and the Ordinance requires a minimum of a five acre parcel in order to have livestock in a Residential Zone. One of the horses has been moved and efforts are underway to find a home for the second horse.

A letter has been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce regarding their property on Indian Trails for a violation of the Shoreline Protection Strip and the number of boats in front of the property. I mailed a letter to them by registered mail, return receipt requested. They did sign for the letter so we do have a record that they received the notice. This will be turned over to the Attorney to address.

There does not appear to be any activity taking place with regard to the portion of the Argonne Super Club property that had been used for disposing of dredge soils from the DeVos property. Elmer's had been using this property as a staging area for the non-motorized trail and they have vacated the property and left it looking much better than when they arrived on the scene. It does not appear to have been seeded. I will be researching the issue of final grades for the fill in September.

A violation of the conditions of a Site Plan Approval has been reported regarding the Scott Featherly property which is located at 06630 US-31 North. A letter has been prepared for mailing to Mr. Featherly with instruction as to what needs to be done to bring the property into compliance.

#### Meetings Attended

I attended the August Township Board meeting as well as their Special Meeting at which time my evaluation took place. I believe that it was productive and will result in some changes of Township procedures as well as how I am performing some of my tasks. Many of the issues were process issues in terms of what my time has been spent on and how with some changes in what I require can hopefully speed my ability to be more productive. I attended the Planning Commission meeting at which the major topic was the proposed revisions to the Shoreline Provisions of the Ordinance were discussed. My concern is that if we are not careful, the Technical Advisory Committee could turn into a cumbersome and expensive process.

#### Other

I worked with Annie Burnett on the BS&A software and provided some rudimentary training. I am not an expert in the software by any means but I am able to navigate the system for my needs and it seemed to help Annie out as well.