

Zoning Ordinance Review Committee-

August 15, 2016

Minutes

The Zoning Ordinance Review Committee met Monday August 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Training room at the Public Safety Building. Randy Keith called the meeting to order. Attending were committee members: Randy Keith, Jerry Edwards, Elsie Robinson, Jon White, James Reed, Michael Nolan, Ray Spencer and Keri Nusbaum.

MOTION: Motion was made by Elsie Robinson to approve the minutes of August 1, 2016 seconded by Jerry Edwards. All in favor, motion carried.

Randy Keith told the committee members about an issue that had occurred where someone did not get a building permit. He asked for their opinion about how more 'teeth' could be put in the ordinance. Our ordinance says it is unlawful to build with no permit, and fees are doubled. The committee agreed that the best way was probably higher fines. The builder, if any, should be equally responsible, and both the owner and the builder should be fined. If the stop work order is ignored, the punishment should vary from fines, up to and including removal of the non-permitted building. Keith will check with the states attorney as to what can be added to the ordinance. White suggested requiring an appearance in front of the ZBA for those who do not comply.

The committee reviewed the state statute definition of agricultural activity once again.

The recommendation is:

Agricultural Activity - The growing of farm crops including but not limited to the following: The growing of farm crops, truck garden crops, animal and poultry husbandry, bees, fish, dairying, aquaculture, nurseries, tree farms, sod farms, flower farming and greenhouses, when such activities constitute the principal use of the land.

The question of shooting activity came up. We have ordinance requirements for ranges and sales establishments. Keith said most complaints are about neighbors target shooting. Is this a zoning issue? It would be covered in the nuisance ordinance, should it be addressed in zoning? After discussion, it was agreed that shooting was probably not a zoning/land use issue other than an established shooting range or retail sales establishment. Perhaps that needs to be an issue for the sheriff and states' attorney to add something to the nuisance ordinance.

The next meeting will be August 29 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Nolan made motion, seconded by Reed to adjourn. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum

Piatt County Zoning Officer