

Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

August 3, 2015

Minutes

The Zoning Ordinance Review Committee met Monday August 3, 2015 at 6:32 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, Jim Reed, Elsie Robinson, Randy Shumard, Jon White, and Keri Nusbaum. Also attending were Ray Spencer and Michael Nolan.

MOTION

Motion was made by Elsie Robinson, seconded by Jerry Edwards to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The committee looked at the definition of Nursing Home. Keri shared the definitions she had found. Randy noted that in our committee, we are looking at Piatt County only. Keri will look up what the City of Monticello has on their ordinances regarding Hollybrook and Tatman Village.

The committee considered the definition of Tourist Home. Most counties no longer have that definition, however, the committee was not comfortable doing away with it. Instead it will be recommended to add the word "temporary" to the existing definition and keep it. All in favor.

The definition of 'main building' was discussed. Most counties do not have it defined. Randy Keith noted if it is not defined, the zoning board is not boxed in. Jon White said his opinion is that the citizens have the right to have a definition if they are going to argue before the board.

MOTION

Jim Reed made motion to further develop a definition for main building, Jon White seconded. Edwards, Shumard, Robinson and Keith voted nay. Motion did not pass.

Keri began reading Article IV (page 13).

MOTION

Jim Reed made motion, seconded by Shumard to change "may" to "shall" before 'two alternate members' and remove the words "may appoint" in Paragraph a. All in favor, will be recommended.

Reed suggests that the alternates should get all the materials for each meeting so that in the event they are called they will be up to speed.

Edwards made motion, seconded by Robinson to amend language on page 13, paragraph c. to strike 'may' and insert "shall".

Reed made motion, seconded by White to table this to the next meeting. Randy will talk to Dana Rhoades to see if we can change this wording.

There is probably a typo on page 13, paragraph c, line 5, where the word 'shall' was left out. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend this correction.

COMMENTS

Audience member Ray Spencer noted that we should recommend “if appointed” be removed to match the other wording in paragraph a. The committee was in agreement.

Audience member Michael Nolan asked if a Zoning Board of Appeals vote could be phoned in. That is not allowed on the zoning board of appeals.

The next meeting will be held Monday August 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

MOTION

Edwards moved, seconded by Robinson to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum

Piatt County Zoning Officer