

WRIGHTSTOWN ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA

Monthly Meeting, May 18, 2022

The Wrightstown Ordinance Review Committee met on Wednesday May 18, 2022 at Wrightstown Township.

Members present were Manager Joseph Pantano, Supervisor Chester Pogonowski (**), Code Enforcement Officer Ted Middleman, Solicitor Vicki Kushto (**), and Engineer Cindy VanHise (**). Members designed by (**) participated by Video Conference. Pantano and Middleman were physically located in the Wrightstown Meeting Room allowing for public participation.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by Pogonowski. There were no audience members present.

The minutes of the March 21, 1922 were reviewed. There were no changes and accepted by consensus. Pantano will ensure that the Agenda and Minutes are properly stored as a public record. Additionally, these will be available for viewing on the Township Website as well as the Township Codified Ordinance Website filed as a Public Document.

Business:

1. Amplified Sound Ordinance – Kushto present the proposed ordinance. The ordinance was prepared based on existing Case Law and other ordinance. The definition of property boundary comes from case law. The definition of Amplified Sound is newly developed. There was discussion on enforcement and how this ordinance might be interpreted by a reasonable person. In order for the township to proceed with an enforcement action, it would be necessary to have the complaining property owner involved as a complainant and willing to participate as a witness in any legal proceeding. The ordinance needs better wording to ensure that the ordinance does not include tenant to tenant sound disputes within a multi occupancy rental unit. Ordinance will be further revised and reviewed at the next meeting.
2. Non-Conforming Structure – There was discussion on the desirability to modify current language in the JMZO to allow for the expansion of a second floor along a non-conformity. Kushto presented a draft ordinance which addressed a change in Articled XII to allow for expansion of a non-conforming structure. The word “Principal” was added to Structure to allow for expansion of a primary structure along the non-conformity. This would not apply to accessory structures which would still need to go to the ZHB for a variance to expand. There was discussion on a provision in the JMZO regarding a 25% limit on expansion of a non-conforming use. It was clarified this applied only to “use” and not “structure”. After discussion, it was agreed to send the ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for review.
3. Fireworks – Kushto presented a draft ordinance for discussion. Consumer fireworks would be allowed on certain holidays and professional Display fireworks would be permitted by permit only. Specific regulations are proposed for Displays as well as denial or suspension of permits. There were a number of regulations incorporated which appear in the state statute. Fireworks would not be permitted when there is a “Burn Ban” in place limiting open fires. There is also a prohibition of fireworks being discharged near structures. Need to better define how to dispose of spent or unused fireworks. The ordinance needs to have the permitted days for Consumer

fireworks tightened to set an upper time limit of when these can be discharged. Need to also convey idea that Structure does not include a fence. Changes will be made and brought back to the next meeting.

4. Lighting Ordinance – Prior to proposing changes to the lighting standards we are waiting for a report from Suburban Lighting concerning their review of PECO owned street lights.

5. Codified Ordinance Review – No Action. VanHise needs to review potential changes to the Codified Ordinance to address new streets, speed limits and traffic control/signage. .

Kuskto asked to quickly discuss the Pineville Land Development approvals. After reviewing the issues, it was decided that Middleman would stop over to find out if there are any open issues and then to move that forward to the Board of Supervisors if there is a need to address policy issues.

Public Comment:

- None

The next meeting will be held Wednesday June 15, 2022 at 4:00 PM in Wrightstown Township.

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Pogonowski