

The special meeting of Polk Township Supervisors and Planning Commission was held on January 22, 2018 at 6:30pm. Members present: Brian K. Ahner, Carl S. Heckman, Michael D. Hurley, Mark Giunta, William J. Tippett and Zoning Officer, Justin Burker. Gary Bruch previously notified the secretary he will not be able to attend.

The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss a Nuisance Ordinance. Members had a copy of Chestnuthill Township Ordinance-Section 74: Nuisances for reference.

**Approval of Minutes:** Giunta moved to approve the December 18, 2019 Supervisors and Planning Commission special meeting minutes; second by Hurley. All in favor. Motion carried.

- I. **74-19 Junkyards & 74-20 Exemption for limited junk storage area:** Discussion on sections. Polk Township does not accept junkyards and Members' goal is to limit residential nuisances. Discussion on if current junkyards in the Township can expand or if they need a conditional use for expansion. Burker confirmed current junkyards can expand up to 50% or defined in the original Conditional Use. Hurley recommends adding specific items to Trash/Waste Ordinance such as mattresses, couches, furniture, appliances and avoiding junk altogether. Sections 74-19 and 74-20 will not be used in Ordinance.
  - A. **74-20.B-** Garbage and Biodegradable Material- Ahner suggests to add a time limit on waste pick up. Sentence will be added to Section 74-7.B with the addition of "not to exceed the time limit of 30 days."
  - B. **74-20.I-** Waterways/swales. Sentence will be added to 74-14.
- II. **74-21 Auto repair garages and auto service stations:** Discussion on new repair garages to the area will need a Conditional Use Hearing and certain conditions can be added at the time.
  - A. **Insurance:** Section will be changed to "Not more than a combined total of twelve junk vehicles, unregistered vehicles, vehicles stored in anticipation of the resolution of insurance coverage, vehicles impounded by the State Police, or vehicles awaiting repair may be stored outside a fully enclosed building except at a permitted junkyard or exempted storage area. The owner of the establishment shall maintain accurate and current records on the date of receipt, ownership, status and disposition for all such vehicles on the premises and the records shall be open for inspection by the Township."
  - B. **Used tires and parts.** Section will be updated to: "Used tires and vehicle parts awaiting disposal may be stored outdoors on the premises provided such material is screened. The amount of such stored material shall not exceed that which would be accumulated from one month of normal operation. Any tires or parts in which water can collect and serve as a breeding area for mosquitos and other insects shall be covered by a roof."
  - C. This section will be deleted.
- III. **74-22 & 74-23 Dangerous Premises:** Discussion on the need for this section. Burker is concerned on enforcement and responsibility. Members feel that the Zoning Officer has the ability to enforce. Zoning Ordinance currently states that buildings have to be weather sealed. 74-22 and 74-23 will be combined into one section.
  - A. 74-23 A - Section is acceptable.
  - B. 74-23 B- Section is acceptable.
  - C. 74-23 C- Section is acceptable.
  - D. 74-23 D- Section is acceptable.
  - E. 74-23 E- Section is acceptable.

**IV. 74-24 Duties of Enforcement Officer**

- A. Inspections: Section is acceptable with the correction of “the Enforcement Officer and/or a certified Engineer may inspect any premises, building or structure in accord to this Ordinance whether dangerous premises exist.
- B. Action: Section is acceptable with the correction of replace “Township Engineer” with “Codes Officer and/or a representative designated by the Township”.
- C. Section will be deleted.

**V. 74-25 Removal of notice prohibited-** Section is acceptable

**VI. 74-26 Emergency cases-** Section is acceptable.

**VII. 74-27 to 74-41 Enforcement-** Rebecca will send these sections to Solicitor Fareri for his professional opinion on legal issues. Information will be provided for next meeting or see if Fareri will like to attend the next meeting.

Chairman Heckman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Tippett  
Planning Commission Recording Secretary