

GRANT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021

PRESENT: Acting Chair – Tom Stuart, Edith Elsenheimer, Brian Heminger, Joel Newton, Pam Hawley, & Tim Martis.

ABSENT: Laura Rodriguez

Regular Meeting – Ordinance Updates

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Acting Chair, Tom Stuart. The board reviewed the minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting. Edie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Brian; all in favor, minutes approved.

Brad Kotbra, from Williams & Works has spent time reviewing our current ordinance and came prepared to review the Signage ordinance; 2014. Brad states that court cases from 2015 have greatly impacted what can be included and enforced.

Article 7 (2014)

No Roof signs

4.6

Remove – Billboard

I. – Window signage – reduce to 25% or less unless it is a national recognized holiday (definitions to be included)

NOTE: Projected signs – need to be defined for future use

K. – Remove this

L. – Institutional Use (Churches, Schools, etc.) with guidelines for time usage, dimming etc.

4.8 – Measurements

Add graphics/tables for clarity

Question on construction signs...should it be moved to Temporary Signs

Can pull Incidental Signs – reclassify to “Temporary Signs” to include construction, sales, directional

Define and standardize - Temporary Signs

4.10

Residential/AG

Add: Clear vision corners to avoid obstruction of vision
Also, Major/ Minor intersections

This will apply to Produce Signs, Home Occupations & Roadside Markets

Political & Real Estate Signs – Need to add height limits

Note: Standardize height limits to 6'
All 4' signs increase to 16 sq ft

Real Estate Signs – Retain 8' clearance
Remove the word 'Not' – A Permit is required

4.12

Wall Signs – If corner lot – 1 per building frontage
1 per building tenant over each entrance plus 1 ground sign per tenant

Canopy Signs – Clean up and define

Temporary Signs – Clean up and define

Master Plan –

Has not been updated since 2009 and is overdue. PC should review every 5 years. This will be the next step following ordinance updates.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pam at 8:40 pm, seconded by Joel

All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting will be held on December 16, 2021 at 7 pm

Notes submitted by: Recording Secretary & Gladys VeltKamp / Grant Township Clerk