

JOINT MEETING OF THE EAST OAKDALE ZONING COMMISSION & TOWN BOARD - JULY 27, 1961

PRESENT: DON RALEIGH, ED WHITMAN, JOHN KLEIS, MAYNARD EIDER, MARTIN EBERHARDT, BILL PARK, JOHN DAY, ROD LAWSON, JOHN KOHN, AND MERLYN HUBENETTE.

The meeting opened with a discussion of whether it was legally possible to require a lagoon system for sewage disposal. Ed asked whether the town board could pass an ordinance to require developers of a certain size development to put in a sewage system. Rod Lawson said this would be possible providing we got some advice on the size of the development and when to require a sewage disposal system. It was decided that Rod would write up a sewer ordinance after talking to our engineer about it. Also consideration should be given to an ordinance for storm sewers and recreational areas. Also decided that we go the Metropolitan Planning Commission to get some information in regard to recreational areas. The provision in our building code requiring a 66 ft. easement was discussed. Ed Whitman said that now we have only adequate written in our statutes. The point was brought up as to whether this would violate the state law. Rod Lawson said he would look into this and if possible we could amend our Section 52 of Ordinance #1 to read 66 ft. easement rather than just adequate. We also discussed setbacks on through roads and decided the Zoning Commission would work up requirements for that one we received a road layout map.

The licensing of junk yards was also brought up and Rod Lawson stated that zoning can require how to build a junk yard and if we are going to tell them how to operate it we should require a license. The opinion is that we might invite junk yards if we passed a licensing ordinance. Also, why do it until we have the problem. The power to license lies in the health and safety provisions of our law and whether you have it on the books or not we still can enforce certain regulations. It was decided that this would be passed until the problem arises.

The next issue brought up was dumps. The question was whether we could enclose existing dumps by giving a certain time to eliminate them. Rod said we would have to provide a public dump if we prevented dumping completely in the township. Rod agreed to draw up regulations on covering dumps and check for state regulations covering dumps.

The next problem was the condemning of buildings. What can we do to condemn a building that is unsafe? Ordinance #1 provides that the building inspector can recommend condemnation proceedings which in the name of the town board could be started by our attorney. It was decided that the building inspector should request condemnation proceedings to be started whenever he felt it was necessary.

Discussion was also held on the remodeling of existing structures. It was decided that we would require a code on existing structures. Rod said - no, but we could require them to fix up particular structures in two years time; also can we eliminate trailers in the township? It was decided to check on basements and trailers and give the proper time to correct the situation. We also discussed that trailers parked outside the trailer parks were in violation of the ordinances and if we wanted to enforce them we could have them towed to the nearest trailer park. A state regulation also is in effect that trailers must be parked in trailer parks. A survey will be made and then they will be given a reasonable time to go into a park.

It was also brought up what should be done on short lots - that is a lot where a person cannot acquire any more property. It was decided that the procedure would be followed that is set out in Ordinance #8. Discussion also was had on our trailer camp. Rod said that he will check into the legality whether we can stop a trailer camp from expanding. Also whether you can control it under Ordinance #2. He thought there was some Attorney General's opinion in which it said that the state was preempted to field and therefore taken it out of the jurisdiction of local government. It was decided that a list would be made of all of our violations in the present trailer court and be given to Rod. In regard to Davis and having his trailer parked over on the shores of Olson Lake, it was decided that Rod would write to Davis's attorney and tell him that he had to comply with the existing ordinances or that a suit would follow.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.