



BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes, 5/28/2024

Members attending: Phil Preston, Shelly Sercombe, Rachel Johnson, Brandon Williams

Absent: Mike Thomas (excused)

MEETING topics & next meeting Agenda:

Disorderly Persons: the additions for Grass / leaves into street was expanded to include all of Part 8. Peace and Good Order Article XI. Disorderly Persons. ACTION: Phil to review with Eric & Scott G. and return to next Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Cemetery

The cemetery ordinance has several changes suggested by the Clerk's office and was reviewed in detail. Dave will incorporate further changes and updates for a second committee review. ACTION: When ready, updates to be reviewed by Ordinance Committee & Eric prior to first read.

Special Events / Large gathering Ordinance.

Attorney Eric White provided first attempt of an ordinance to address large gatherings / special events. This may need to be included in the update to the Zoning Ordinance that is underwork. O Committee would like to simplify the O, and refer to the application for details. Feeling is it will be easier for applicants to understand and use, and reduce the need for Ordinance updates... the form can be altered. The form suggested is attached. ACTION: Phil to meet with Eric and return to O Committee next month.

Fireworks

It was agreed that the Fireworks O will be updated to include Display fireworks. Input from Attorney Eric White is requested. Some form of a check list will be included as a guide to determine safety & community noise impact as part of an approval process. This would be referenced in Special Events if the event intended to use Display fireworks. ACTION: Phil & Eric to meet and return to O Committee next month.

Blight

Attorney Eric White provided a draft for a Blight Ordinance update. This topic was discussed at the O Committee meeting at some length.. Eric White provided an outline of an alternative approach to Blight, which will be review by the Administrative Committee and Scott Grajewski for further consideration before Ordinance Committee / Board review.

Comparing Current Blight to proposed, it moved enforcement to municipal civil infraction, treating as nuisance, allowing for much quicker action, action to be taken by the Township, and collection of costs-up to putting on the tax bill.

Several questions came up, basics as follows:

- Why not any officer deal with blight? Stop and notify / write a ticket.
- A proberly on tax foreclosure, and in blight will be hard to collect.... If it goes to the County, will we bill the County for the clean up?
- An old structure in disrepair/ falling down- is it blight? And will it a problem to charge people to remove old structure or to make safe?

- Have we already started to use the new approach?

ACTION: Phil & Eric to review and return to O Committee next month.

Next meeting Tentatively June 18, 5:30

Reported by: Phil Preston,
Chairman, Ordinance Committee.

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