

Zoning Commission

Public Hearing Continuance (April 9, 2013)

May 9, 2013

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The Public Hearing continuance was called to order by Chairman Spellman at 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. Roll call found present: Chairman Spellman, V-Chair Karen Siarkowski, John Nehrenz, Jim Kamps. Calvin Powell had an excused absence and Alternate Terry Walrath sat in his place. Also present: Alternate Mel Kman, Zoning Administrative Office Manager Peterlin, Trustees Catherwood and Schulte and Medina County Prosecutors Office representative Bill Thorne. Public: Conrad Falkenberg.

Chairman Spellman discussed the basis for the continuance. At this time Chairman Spellman invited public comment.

Conrad Falkenberg stepped up to the podium. Mr. Falkenberg stated he owns a property within the proposed District Map Amendment. His property is located at 141 W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street, Hinckley. Currently the "Service Specialist" auto repair facility is operating on the property and has done so for many years. Mr. Falkenberg informed the Board that he would like to expand the business by adding an additional garage bay. He had contacted Zoning Inspector Schaefer regarding his intent and was told that he was not able to do so according to the Zoning Resolution. Mr. Schaefer recommended Mr. Falkenberg discuss his request with the Zoning Commission. Mr. Falkenberg's understanding was that the proposed map amendment would reduce side yard setbacks, he also added that the proposed change will not allow service stations. When questioned by the Board it was revealed that the property is currently non-conforming. Mr. Falkenberg stated that he feels the current business is being "discriminated against" by the proposed amendment.

Bill Thorne spoke to Mr. Falkenberg's inquiry by stating that the non-conforming use cannot be expanded. Chairman Spellman indicated that this hearing may not be the forum to answer Mr. Falkenberg's inquiry. It was agreed that he could apply for a zoning certificate through the Township zoning application process if he wanted to pursue his request formally.

There being no additional public to comment, Mr. Kamps made a motion to close public comment and adjourn. John Nehrenz second. Vote: Spellman – Y; Siarkowski – Y; Nehrenz; Walrath-Y; Kamps – Y. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes by: Trustee Martha Catherwood, Acting Recording Secretary

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William Spellman, Chairman

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Karen Siarkowski, Vice Chairman

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Jim Kamps, Member

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Absent  
Calvin Powell, Member

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John Nehrenz, Member

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Mel Kman, Alternate Member

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Terry Walrath, Acting Member