

VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES

Village Office, 1 South Main Street

March 17th, 2025

7:00 PM

Commission Members:

Amanda Lackey – Mayor

Rob Kosch – Commission Chair

Lynne Snider – Council Representative

Nathaniel Johnson – Resident Member

Sam Schacht – Resident Member

Village Officials:

Melissa Brofford – Zoning Inspector

Abby Tolliver – Zoning Secretary

Guests: Dale Brussee, Brad Blain

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Commission Member Rob Kosch called the meeting to order at 7:00PM by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken, with Mayor Lackey, Commission Chair Rob Kosh, Council Representative Lynne Snider, Resident Member Nathaniel Johnson, and Resident Member Sam Schacht all present.

Roll Call:

Amanda Lackey – aye

Rob Kosch – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Nathaniel Johnson – aye

Sam Schacht – aye

Agenda Amendments:

Commission Chair Rob Kosh asked for a motion to add the Review & Approval of the Regular Zoning Commission Minutes from January 15th, 2024 to the agenda. Resident Member Nathaniel Johnson made the motion, and was seconded by Council Representative Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Rob Kosh – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Nathaniel Johnson – aye

Amanda Lackey – aye

Sam Schacht – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Special Regular Zoning Commission Business Agenda for March 17th, 2025:

Commission Chair Rob Kosch asked for a motion to approve the Regular Zoning Commission Business Agenda for March 17th, 2025 after review. Resident Member Nathaniel Johnson made the motion, and was seconded by Commission Chair Rob Kosh. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Sam Schacht – aye

Nathaniel Johnson – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Rob Kosch – aye

Amanda Lackey – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Special Zoning Commission Minutes from October 28th, 2024:

Commission Chair Rob Kosh asked for a motion to approve the Special Zoning Commission Minutes from October 28th, 2024. Resident Member Sam Schacht made the motion, and was seconded by Commission Member Rob Kosh. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Amanda Lackey – aye

Rob Kosh – aye

Sam Schacht – aye

Nathaniel Johnson – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Regular Zoning Commission Minutes from January 15th, 2024:

Commission Chair Rob Kosh asked for a motion to approve the Regular Zoning Commission Minutes from January 15th, 2024. Resident Member Sam Schacht made the motion, and was seconded by Resident Member Nathaniel Johnson. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Amanda Lackey – aye

Nathaniel Johnson – aye

Sam Schacht – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Rob Kosh – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Zoning Inspector's Report:

No new permits issued.

Unfinished Business:

a. General Overview of Village Code to Identify Any Necessary or Desired Updates:

Copies were distributed around the group, and Public Guest Brad Blain, Thorn Township Trustee, was invited to speak. Trustee Blain explained that due to limits in the Zoning Code, many potential businesses are unable to open in Thornville village limits. The Commission discussed reviewing codes in local villages like Baltimore, Somerset, Buckeye Lake, Pleasantville, New Lexington, etc., and bringing back suggestions, edits, and removals to the May 2025 meeting.

b. Review Pool Ordinance, Including Discussion on Fencing Requirements

Inspector Brofford explained that 2 homes within the Village have continued to not follow Village Zoning Requirements, but due to language in the original Ordinance regarding timing, no penalty is able to be assigned to violators. The Commission agreed to have the Solicitor draft a new Ordinance with the same regulations and requirements, but with time lines that make sense. The Commission will review the drafted Ordinance at the May 2025 Zoning & Planning Commission meeting, and approve to send to Council or make edits to send back to the Solicitor.

c. Review Weed & Grass Ordinance Non-Compliance Issues & Recovery of Village Costs Associated with Bringing Properties into Compliance:

Inspector Brofford explained that she had told the Solicitor to back off of the Danaher property due to legal costs. After discussion on whether it was more beneficial to scrap the Ordinance or tighten up the penalties, the Commission agreed to have the wording sent to the Solicitor to see if anything further can be done to prevent this issue from occurring in the future.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Commission Chair Rob Kosch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM. Council Representative Lynne Snider made the motion, and was seconded by Resident Member Nathaniel Johnson. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Amanda Lackey – aye

Rob Kosch – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Nathaniel Johnson – aye

Sam Schacht – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Rob Kosch, Commission Chair



Abby Tolliver, Zoning Secretary