

**MEDINA TOWNSHIP
ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2012**

Chairperson Alliss Strogin called the regular meeting of the Medina Township Zoning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. Permanent Board members Overmyer, and Strogin were in attendance. Alternate Board members Kuenzer and Kraus sat in for a 4-member board. The applicant was offered for his site plan to be heard by a full 5-member Commission. He stated he would like to move forward with his site plan this evening.

The Trustees will hear site plans/signage on January 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. A letter would be sent to the applicants when the Trustees would hear their site plan/signage requests.

The minutes to the Commission's November 20, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

SITE PLANS

Bill Doraty KIA-2925 Medina Rd.

Mr. John Schmalz from Star Inc. represented Bill Doraty KIA. The request is for a 2112 sq. ft. addition on the east side of the existing building to relocate the drop off area for the service department as well as a new write up area adjacent to this area as shown on the site plan. The existing write up area would become a waiting area for customers.

Chair Strogin asked about signage. Mr. Schmalz stated the existing service department sign would be relocated in front of the new service entrance door.

Mr. Overmyer made motion to approve the change of use (addition of 2,112 sq. ft.) for Bill Doraty KIA located at 2925 Medina Rd. as presented. The existing service sign will be relocated to the new service door entrance. There is no additional signage approved. It was seconded by Mr. Kuenzer.

ROLL CALL- Overmyer-yes, Kuenzer-yes, Kraus-yes, Strogin-yes.

MISC.

Chair Strogin read an email from Zoning Commission member Robert Erickson. Mr. Erickson resigned effective immediately due to personal reasons. He thanked the Commission members for all their support.

Discussion on Proposed Inflatable Sign Language

Chair Strogin stated she received an opinion from the Prosecutor's Office on Trustee Jarrett's question regarding Section 603 General Requirements, "The regulations in this section shall apply to all signs in all zoning districts" and if that wording should be modified. Chair Strogin reiterated that she felt the court clarified any discrepancies based on the definition of a sign in the zoning regulation that says a sign is used to attract attention to any object, product, place, person

or business. An inflatable Santa Claus does not meet those criteria.

The letter from Bill Thorne from the Prosecutor's Office read as follows:

RE: Inflatables-Residential District

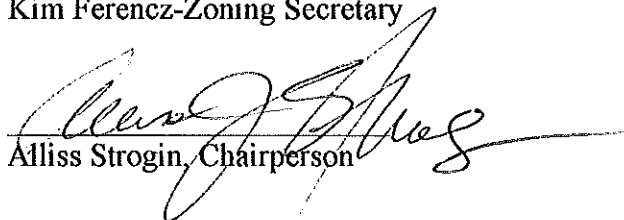
"As I understand your concern, the issue deals with the necessity to have a permit to put up an inflatable sign within a residential district. Inflatable sign arguably including inflatable Santa Claus', etc. As I previously advised, I do not believe that such devices fall within the definition of signs, which include basically any device, which is intended or used to attract attention to any object, product, place, activity, person, institution, organization or business. I think the Christmas displays, Halloween displays, etc. are simply that, displays to celebrate the holiday, not intended to attract attention to the person's home or activity in the home, etc."

Chair Strogin continued that she listened to the tape from the last workshop meeting on inflatables with the Prosecutor's Office and confirmed that it was very difficult to hear and discern what was being discussed. However, based on the tape, the minutes, her notes and Zoning Commission member Overmyer's notes, she did draft what she believed was the result of the information that was discussed at the workshop. However, due to the fact that there was not a full board present this evening and that a permanent member would have to be appointed to the Commission, and this information was just distributed, discussion on the information provided by Chair Strogin and inflatable language in general would be placed on the January 2013 agenda.

Trustee Jarrett thanked the Commission for all their hard work holding various workshops and proposing language on inflatables and being objective in the entire process.

Having no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Ferencz-Zoning Secretary


Alliss Strogin, Chairperson