

**MEDINA TOWNSHIP
ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 21, 2012**

Chairperson Alliss Strogin called the regular meeting of the Medina Township Zoning Commission to order at 7:35 p.m. Permanent Board members Overmyer, Szunyog, Apana and Strogin were in attendance. Alternate Board member Kuenzer sat in for a full Board. Permanent member Erickson was absent as well as alternate member Kraus.

The Trustees will hear site plans/signage on August 30, 2012 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 July 17, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

SITE PLANS

Brunswick Auto Mart-3950 Pearl Rd.

Mr. Charlie Dodd General Manager from Brunswick Auto Mart and Mr. James Briola from Northcoast Sign & Lighting represented Brunswick Auto Mart. Mr. Briola stated they wanted to add the word "Brunswick" to the existing word "Mazda" on the building. They would draw a rectangle around both words to make one 72 sq. ft. sign.

Chair Strogin clarified that the applicant wanted to make the two words with space in between them one sign under the 80 sq. ft. sign regulation. Mr. Overmyer stated he understood what the applicant wanted to do but there was a lot of empty space between the two words. Anyone looking at it would say there are two signs.

Ms. Szunyog stated the word Mazda is already on the building and it did not make sense to have the word Brunswick second if the actual name of the business will be Brunswick Mazda. Mr. Dodd stated they were trying to save the expense and utilize what exists which is to keep the Mazda lettering in its current location and add the word Brunswick.

The Commission offered pushing the two words closer together or adding a hyphen or bar between the two words to create cohesiveness between the words. Mr. Dodd stated they were looking for the simplest solution with minimum expense. He added they would be willing to connect the two words with a bar between.

Mr. Dodd then asked if they wanted to go with the signage as proposed this evening could they go before the BZA? Chair Strogin stated yes.

The Commission stated they would like the wording to be cohesive to look like one sign. The Commission also offered another solution i.e. to put a box around the two words and make it one sign.

Chair Strogin brought up the issue of balloons on the cars and the tethered weather balloon that was often on site. Mr. Dodd asked if she was referring to the site where they were building and investing in a multi-million dollar facility in the Township? Chair Strogin stated balloons were not permitted and did not positively add to the facility. Mr. Dodd stated he would take those concerns back to Mr. Colstein. Mr. Dodd stated they would make revisions as suggested and were asking for a little leeway in approval for the signage this evening.

Chair Strogin stated the Township has had promises from Mr. Panteck and Mr. Colstein about balloons at the site. The situation is rectified for a while and then the balloons go back up. Mr. Dodd stated he would take those concerns back and added there would be no more balloons at the site.

Mr. Briola stated he could provide revised drawings to the Zoning Inspector tomorrow that would reflect the comments made this evening and be within the zoning requirements. Chair Strogin stated those drawings would need to be submitted for the Trustees review.

Mr. Overmyer made a motion to approve a wall sign for Brunswick Auto Mart pending the submittal of revised drawings showing the unification of the wording "Brunswick" and "Mazda" as one sign. These drawings must be submitted by August 24, 2012. It was seconded by Mr. Kuenzer.

ROLL CALL- Overmyer-yes, Kuenzer-yes, Szunyog-yes, Apana-yes, Strogin-yes.

The second sign being requested by Brunswick Auto Mart is a 20.7 sq. ft. wall sign to be placed on the service building. Mr. Dodd stated the three existing Brunswick Volkswagen signs would be removed no later than Labor Day. Mr. Dodd reiterated that the balloons on the cars would be removed.

Mr. Overmyer made a motion to approve a wall sign reflecting the word "Service" not to exceed 20.7 sq. ft. for Brunswick Auto Mart as presented. The three existing Brunswick Volkswagen signs will be removed by August 30, 2012 or prior to the installation of the "Service" sign. It was seconded by Ms. Szunyog.

ROLL CALL-Overmyer-yes, Szunyog-yes, Apana-yes, Kuenzer-yes, Strogin-yes.

Whole Body Health-4483 Weymouth Rd.

Mr. Buddy Swisshelm represented Whole Body Health. He stated Whole Body Health was locating in the former space occupied by NOVA Veterinary Clinic. He stated they were interested in erecting a sign in the existing sign structure on the property. They would follow all the regulations about size and height and all the rules regarding the electronic portion of the sign regarding motion, delay and number of messages.

Chair Strogin stated the digital message sign language was drafted not that long ago. She then went over the regulations with the applicant. Chair Strogin stated that the message can only change once every minute. There is no flashing of the sign. The applicant agreed to all the regulations governing the digital message sign. Whatever requirements the Township has i.e.

candlelight, length of time, color etc. will be set when the sign is manufactured.

Mr. Apana asked the nature of the business. Mr. Swisshelm stated it was primarily a chiropractic practice. The philosophy is holistic medicine to treat the entire body and they would sell vitamins and supplement as well.

Mr. Kuenzer made a motion to approve a digital message ground sign for Whole Body Health not to exceed 30.5 sq. ft. as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Apana.

ROLL CALL-Kuenzer-yes, Apana-yes, Overmyer-yes, Szunyog-yes, Strogin-yes.

Mr. Swisshelm asked about the time between the changing of the message and if that time could be reduced to allow two messages every minute? Chair Strogin responded the one minute time change matches the City of Medina. The 8 second time change which is commonly referred to is for highways where a car would not be stationary for long in order to read the message. She concluded there were no plans currently to make any changes in the language.

Weymouth Preservation Society-3314 Meyers Rd.

Police Chief Dave Arbogast represented the Weymouth Preservation Society which is sharing space in the building that would be occupied by the police department. Chief Arbogast stated the Society is proposing to put up a directional sign on the side of the building.

Ms. Szunyog made a motion to approve a 3.19 sq. ft. directional sign for Weymouth Preservation Society to be located at 3314 Meyers Rd. as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Apana.

ROLL CALL- Szunyog-yes, Apana-yes, Overmyer-yes, Kuenzer-yes, Strogin-yes.

Valley Hino Trucks-5026 Gateway Dr.

Mr. Bill Dunn General manager represented Valley Hino Trucks. He stated they were requesting a 74.8 sq. ft. wall sign. This business has 93 feet of linear frontage and the sign will face Rt. 18.

Mr. Overmyer made a motion to approve a wall sign not to exceed 74.8 sq. ft. for Valley Hino Trucks located at 5026 Gateway Dr. as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Kuenzer.

ROL CALL-Overmyer-yes, Kuenzer-yes, Szunyog-yes, Apana-yes, Strogin-yes.

Mr. Dunn stated he was also present this evening to request a 32 sq. ft. ground sign for Valley Hino Trucks. This sign would be placed on Gateway Dr. as this business has no frontage on Rt. 18. The ground sign would have landscaping placed around the base of the sign.

Mr. Kuenzer made a motion to approve a ground sign not to exceed 32 sq. ft. for Valley Hino Trucks located at 5026 Gateway Dr. as presented. It was seconded by Ms. Szunyog.

ROLL CALL-Kuenzer-yes, Szunyog-yes, Apana-yes, Overmyer-yes, Strogin-yes.

Shop 42-3735 Stonegate Dr.

Mr. Briola from Northcoast Signs and Lighting and Ms. Melinda Barnowsky operator of Shop 42 represented Shop 42. Mr. Briola stated Shop 42 would be moving from the City of Medina to

Stonegate Dr. in Medina Township.

This business consists of a clothing/accessory shop mainly for juniors and young adults.

Mr. Overmyer made a motion to approve the change of use for Shop 42 be located at 3735 Stonegate Rd. as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Kuenzer.

ROLL CALL- Overmyer-yes, Kuenzer-yes, Szunyog-yes, Apana-yes, Strogin-yes.

Mr. Briola stated he was also present this evening to represent Shop 42's signage request. They were requesting a 17.92 sq. ft. wall sign. The business has 18 ft. of linear frontage.

Mr. Overmyer made a motion to approve a wall sign for Shop 42 not to exceed 17.92 sq. ft. as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Kuenzer.

ROLL CALL- Overmyer-yes, Kuenzer-yes, Szunyog-yes, Apana-yes, Strogin-yes.

Mr. Briola stated they were also before the Commission this evening to ask for a panel sign to be placed on the existing pylon sign for Shop 42. The size of the sign is 7.5 sq.

Mr. Apana made a motion to approve a panel sign for Shop 42 to be placed on the existing pylon sign not to exceed 7.5 sq. ft. It was seconded by Mr. Kuenzer.

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

Discussion on Proposed Draft Inflatable Sign Language

The Commission discussed whether this draft should be sent to the County Planning Commission (CPC) now, or in conjunction with sending it to Mr. Thorne (it was faxed by ZI Ridgely to him August 15, 2012). To date ZI Ridgely stated there has been no response from Mr. Thorne regarding the proposed language. Chair Strogin stated if the language was sent to the CPC it was no longer a draft but a formal submittal

Mr. Apana stated under Section 605 K. Temporary signs are only permitted for going out of business sales or ground closings, grand openings, or public or institutional events. Therefore inflatable signs, due to the nature of being proposed to be temporary, would only be permitted under these specific circumstances so it appears that this section was in conflict with what was proposed.

Ms. Szunyog stated she also felt there was a difference between a portable sign and a temporary sign. A portable sign can be moved and a temporary sign is a sign for a short period of time. Chair Strogin stated frequency is not addressed as it is under the proposed inflatable sign language.

It was also discovered since the zoning code permits temporary signs, portable signs and inflatable signs (authorized as temporary signs only) then potentially the code could be interpreted that a business would be permitted a permanent sign, a temporary sign, a portable

sign and an inflatable sign.

It was also discussed if the Commission should have a section just on temporary signs and include inflatables or should inflatables be addressed in a separate section. Sections 605. K Portable Sign and the proposed language for inflatable signs need to be looked at to make sure they are not in conflict or are at least compatible.

It was also revealed that there is no definition for portable signs in the code.

The Commission decided to schedule a tentative workshop with Mr. Thorne for September 25, 2012. ZI Ridgely would contact Mr. Thorne to see if he was available.

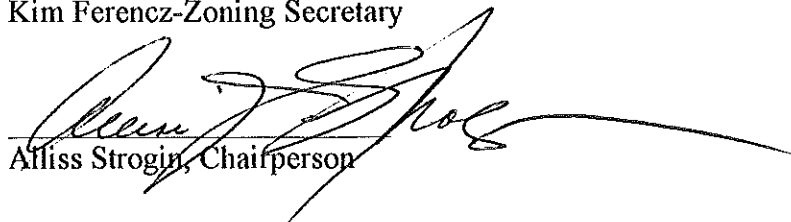
MISC.

The minutes from the Commissions July 24, 2012 workshop meeting on inflatables were approved as written. It was also questioned at a Trustee meeting how Mr. Apana conducted his survey of different communities in Ohio regarding inflatables and if it was random. Mr. Apana stated he typed in google search township regulations on inflatable balloons. He added he printed out those documents and had them if required.

The minutes from the Commissions July 24, 2012 workshop meeting on inflatables were approved as written.

Having no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Ferencz-Zoning Secretary


Alliss Strogin, Chairperson