

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting and a public hearing on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, regarding the business of the Township. Chairman Todd called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Michael D. Todd, Ray Jarrett and Ken DeMichael. Also in attendance were the Fiscal Officer, Linda DeHoff, Road Foreman, Denny Miller, Zoning Inspector, Elaine Ridgley and the general public.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Todd asked for a roll call of all members present. Trustees present were Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. DeMichael.

**Pledge**

Mr. Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Cook Road Paving Bid Opening**

Mrs. DeHoff opened the bids and passed them to Mr. Jarrett who read the bids as follows:

Perrin Asphalt	\$176,857.00
Chagrin Valley Paving	\$187,480.00
Shelly Company	\$177,687.00
Karvo Paving	\$169,675.00
Crossroads Asphalt	\$187,480.00
Cook Paving & Const.	\$186,747.75
Barbicas Construction	\$172,991.82

Mr. Jarrett tabled the bids until they are reviewed by the Medina County Engineer's Office and the Medina County Prosecutor's Office.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Todd opened the Public Hearing regarding the four (4) proposed text amendment changes submitted by the Zoning Commission (see attached). Mr. Todd asked those in attendance to just discuss the amendment that was read, to direct their comments to the Board and to not attack anyone in the audience. This hearing is for policy for the Township and to decide what is or is not in the best interest of the Township. They would have the opportunity to comment on each individual proposed amendment.

**Mr. Todd read Section 1: To modify the existing definition of Sign, Temporary.**

**Mr. Todd then opened the floor for public comment.**

Mac Overmyer (4471 Remsen Road) asked Mr. Todd to introduce the four (4) separate items on the agenda and what their purpose is because what was just read is only for definition. Mr. Todd said he doesn't want to do that because technically four (4) separate public hearings would have to be held due to the Zoning Commission making four (4) separate motions. He stated he can only read what was proposed.

Sandra Bilek (3414 Hamlin Road) asked if there is any definition of what limited period of time is. Mr. Todd said definitions regarding temporary signage are 14 days at a time.

**PUBLIC HEARING CON'T**

**Mr. Todd read Section 2: To delete Section 605 K-Portable Signs in its entirety.**

Mr. Todd asked for public comment on this proposal.

Peggy Jarrett (3757 Foskett Road) asked why they needed to have that long a period of time to display the temporary sign. Mr. Todd said right now there is no limitation other than fourteen (14) days, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year and she would have to ask the Zoning Commission because they proposed the amendment.

Mac Overmyer, Zoning Commission Member, made a point of clarification on the fourteen (14) days stating, after studying other townships that had temporary signs they found they needed to set a limit. It is not an arbitrary setting but, on the other side, there is really no scientific basis for fourteen (14) days. The Zoning Commission is trying to strike a balance between what is good for the business community and what is best for the township as a whole.

Alliss Strogin, Zoning Commission Chairwoman, said the way the current temporary sign regulation stands, businesses can have the sign up for fourteen (14) days, take it down and then put it up the next day for another fourteen (14) days. This can go on for the entire year.

Mr. Todd said Westfield Bank ran into a situation where they had to continue to put their temporary sign up longer than the proposed forty-two (42) days and asked if the Zoning Commission took that into consideration.

Mrs. Strogin said the forty-two (42) days is a fair amount, and if there is a problem through no fault of the business, the situation could be taken into consideration and they could also take it to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She said no regulation that you make will ever fit 100% of the situation so you put in a regulation that will fit the vast majority and then you deal with the exceptions as they arise.

Mr. Todd said, with all due respect, his specific question was did the Zoning Commission take that situation into consideration.

Mrs. Strogin said, that specific issue, no.

**Mr. Todd read Section 3: To delete the current wording of Section 706 Non-conforming Lots in its entirety.**

Mr. Todd said the reason for this proposed amendment is because there are several lots that are non-conforming. The way the Zoning Code currently reads regarding non-conforming lots they would be unable to use the property.

Mrs. Strogin said if they tried to combine the lots the way the present zoning code reads they would lose their pre-existing, non-conforming lot status which means they would be unable to do anything with them. By putting this in here they will be able to combine two lots of record that are pre-existing non-conforming and owned by the same person. Even by putting the two together it still will not create technically a legal lot in terms of today's requirement but, it would be a larger non-conforming pre-existing lot of record so they would have a better chance of using the property with minimal variances.

Mr. Todd asked where this language came from and Mrs. Strogin said it was language used by Lafayette Township Zoning. It has all been approved by the County Prosecutor's Office and the Department of Planning Services.

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Mr. Todd said that in the new wording of Section 1, the paragraph reads “Sign, Temporary” is a sign affixed to a building, structure or placed on the ground constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, plywood or other material and designed or intended to be displayed for a limited period of time. See Figure A.” Grammatically speaking, there is a problem punctuation wise that causes it to be ambiguous. There should be punctuation after the word “ground”. The way it is written, it could be taken literally as “or the ground constructed of cloth”.

Susan McKiernan (3306 Old Weymouth Road) asked if someone can come into Weymouth and buy two (2) little houses, tear them down and build a big inappropriate house. Does it open the door to that happening? Mr. Todd said someone could do that the way the current zoning code is written as long as they are merged properly, then it could be used in a conforming manner but this proposal is for non-conforming lots that are unusable to enable the property to be used.

Mrs. Strogin said by combining the lots in the Weymouth area it still would not make a legal conforming lot.

Louie Tull (2957 Substation Road) asked why Trustees voted on the proposals and now want to change the language. Mr. Todd said the Trustees have not voted on the proposals and that is what this public hearing is all about. The Zoning Commission voted on the proposals and gave them to the Trustees to accept, deny or modify.

**Mr. Todd read Section 4: To recommend denial of the proposed amendments on Section 605 N. Inflatable Signs.**

Mrs. Strogin said the “reason for recommending disapproval” was to be read with the 605 N Inflatable Signs motion submitted by the Zoning Commission. Mr. Todd asked if it was the intention of the Zoning Commission to have the “reasons for recommending disapproval” as part of the Zoning Code. Mrs. Strogin said their motion was to deny and it was not to be part of the Zoning Code. The Board voted unanimously to have the “disapproval recommendations” read into the record with the motion to explain why the Board wanted it denied. Mr. Overmyer said it was not to be part of the Zoning Code but the remarks were to be taken in consideration.

Mr. DeMichael asked if the amendments, as they were written, were recommended to be denied and then someone gave these reasons and then they were approved. Mrs. Strogin said yes, one of the Board Members agreed to deny the motion but he wanted these comments as part of it. Mr. DeMichael asked what Board member it was and was told James Apana. Mr. Todd asked Mr. Apana if he intended these recommendations to be part of the motion because it is abnormal doing it this way. Normally you make the motion and then you give your rationale. Mr. Jarrett said at County Planning if there is a no vote then the majority writes the language saying why it is a no vote. Mr. Todd wants it to be clear to the public that this is a statutory public hearing. I have to have the public hearing on what the proposed text amendment is and I have to make sure that I am following what they are giving to us as the proposed text amendment and so I want to be sure that I am being legally compliant to what’s being proposed. Mr. Jarrett said it should have been a no vote and then a letter stating, off to the side, the Board’s decisions for the denial.

Mr. Todd read the “reason for recommending disapproval’ from the Zoning Commission.

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Bill Ostmann (3670 Hamilton Road) said the Steering Committee Focus Group met with the other adjoining communities and Montville Township Trustee, Ron Bischof brought up the verbal agreement made years ago between the City and the Townships regarding signage. Mr. Bischof feels the Township is deviating from the verbal agreement and that Montville Township does not allow inflatables. Mr. Todd asked Mr. Ostmann to invite Mr. Bischof to the next public hearing. Mr. Ostmann said he didn't think he wanted to attend but he will ask.

Dianna Huffman (4025 Remsen Road) recommends following the Zoning Commission's recommendations for the text amendment changes.

Bill Doraty (3755 Weymouth Woods) feels Trustees should deny the recommendations because they are discriminatory and targeted directly at him. After five (5) years the Zoning Commission's recommendations completely exclude him. Mr. Todd asked him what in the text amendments is problematic. Mr. Doraty said the 660 feet from the highway, the height of the inflatables used and the roof. He said the recommendations completely exclude the manner in which he uses them. He finds their process insulting and can't understand how they can present them to the Trustees.

Gene Kraus (4123 Monterey Drive) said you can tell by driving into a place whether a Township or City takes care of their residents by providing an aesthetic welcome to their City. In his opinion those places that permit inflatables are the cities that have the least attractive and welcoming aesthetics. He is President of the Stonegate Homeowners Association and it is his responsibility to enforce the rules and not make exceptions. He is concerned that they are going to change the regulations. Mr. Todd said this signage issue has been going on years, even before the inflatables and Mr. Doraty. Mr. Kraus said it is because it is on the roof which violates another section of the Zoning Code and it may allow a business to have more signage then is allowed.

Sandra Bilek (3414 Hamlin Road) said she has not decided if she is for or against inflatables. She feels that other business owners may feel discriminated against because they are following the code and other business owners are not following the code. She feels that a referendum would possibly be the best way to go to put an end to the litigation.

Deborah Tull (2957 Substation Road) said a lot of money is being spent and she doesn't see any compromise. She feels all concerned should sit down and work this out. Mr. Todd said as far as the text amendment goes they can only do what is in their power to do. Mr. Todd explained the legalities involved from the courts.

Susan McKiernan (3306 Old Weymouth Road) said she doesn't like the inflatables and imagines massive balloons on top of all the buildings on Route 18.

Matt Galla (3503 Hamilton Road) asked how many businesses are asking for balloons. Mr. Todd said his fundamental issue is that the United States was founded on the idea that a person can use his private property the way he wants to. Through decisions in 1960 in Euclid and elsewhere zoning came about. Zoning is approximately 50 years old. When you put it in that context the issue is, where do you balance infringing on a person's rights to use their property, even if it is something you don't approve of? Mr. Galla said the law is the law until the law is changed.

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Peggy Jarrett (3757 Foskett Road) said a valentine heart at Doraty-Kia was ripped and flapping in the wind and she was concerned that it was going to totally rip and blow onto the roadway. She felt it was dangerous.

Sally Gardner (3333 Foskett Road) her concerns regarding the inflatable is the safety and the content on the inflatable. She read a news article regarding an inflatable problem in Switzerland.

Alliss Strogin, Zoning Commission Chairperson, explained the Gentlemen's Agreement had with Granger, Montville, Sharon and Medina Township. The intent was to make the signage as equal as possible, if not identical, so that businesses could not hold the Townships hostage by saying they would move to the other Township because they allowed that signage. The decision was made that if they allowed inflatables in the zoning code they would not be allowed to limit the number or the content. She also read the ruling by Federal Judge Nugent regarding his decision on the Medina Township Zoning Resolution.

Mac Overmyer, Zoning Commission Member, said inflatables were prohibited two (2) years ago and they remain prohibited. They are prohibited on rooftops for safety reasons. The fourteen feet height is because ground signs are allowed ten (10) feet. He asked if they are necessary to the community, because he felt they weren't, and are they beneficial to the community. Mr. Todd said the Trustees have specific questions so they will get their list of questions and discuss them at the next public hearing. They are not ready to make a decision.

Laura Mills, Attorney for Bill Doraty, said she would like the facts presented and stated that she has attended several hearings and the Zoning Commission keeps referencing the Federal Court ruling. She said people need to hear the judgment entry made by Judge Kimbler. It is the Medina Court of Common Pleas. The judgment entry was filed on June 26, 2012, Case# 11Civil1503. She read excerpts from the judgment.

Louis Tull (2957 Substation Road) was glad to find out that the State Court overrules the Federal Constitutional Court. Mr. Todd said certain things are vested in the Federal Court and certain things are vested in the State Court. Judge Kimbler was interpreting the State Laws and Constitution and Judge Nugent was interpreting the Federal Laws and Constitution. Judge Kimbler did not overrule Judge Nugent. Mr. Tull asked why the Zoning Commission came up with an answer and then said they didn't like the answer they came up with.

Sandra Bilek (3414 Hamlin Road) said she was glad that the difference between the courts was explained and also felt Judge Kimbler may not feel our Zoning Code is ambiguous if the changes to the code are made. She said the Zoning Commission did a good job writing the zoning code changes.

Mr. DeMichael said there are a lot of "what if's" regarding this issue. He said one scenario that could have happened would have been that the Zoning Board of Appeals granted the variance for Mr. Doraty. In that case Mr. Doraty would have been allowed to fly his inflatables and we wouldn't have had, for example, the concerns of multiple inflatables and maybe other concerns that could have been done away with. The fact of the matter is, we are where we are right now and we need to move forward.

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Bill Ostmann (3670 Hamilton Road) said Judge Kimbler kicked it back to the Zoning Inspector and the Zoning Board of Appeals and asked why the Board of Appeals hasn't taken it up and are they continuing. Mr. Todd said he doesn't know.

Jim Traynor (4004 Reimsen Road) said he is a neighbor of Mr. Doraty and Mr. Doraty is a very good businessman and very civic minded and he has a lot of respect for him. He feels this issue should go before the voters of the Township because it will not be settled until it does. He also feels Mr. Doraty should not have the inflatables up until the law is changed or until there is a vote by the people. He was a Policeman and there were laws he didn't like but he had to enforce them.

Mac Overmyer asked if the Trustees could place the referendum on the ballot. Mr. Todd said they would need to get the proper language for the voters before they could put it up for referendum. That is his belief but he cannot speak for the other two (2) Trustees. Mr. Overmyer said they wanted to give the Trustees the regulations they requested so they can get a referendum.

Joe Hoffmann (3714 Huffman Road) said it is hard for him to believe that we have a business man in this Township that does so much good for the community and you are trying to push him down instead of helping him. He donates cars for drivers training and does more for the community including the taxes he pays.

Gene Kraus (4123 Monterey Drive) said that the regulations are not onerous. Everybody has to play by the same rules. All the surrounding Townships and the City prohibit the inflatables. The current zoning regulations ask all of its businesses to play by the same rules as everyone else. As a citizen he said he supports the Zoning Regulations as they are currently stated and they are not vague.

Jim Apana (3993 Dogleg Trail) said he is concerned with an attitude that he is a nice person and give him whatever he wants. That should never be a concern and should be totally irrelevant to any decision making. Mr. Todd's gripe is the private property issue because people have the right to use their property the way they want.

Bill Doraty (3755 Weymouth Woods Drive) said he agrees with James Apana. Mr. Doraty said he has never brought up, in any conversation with the Zoning or the Township, what he does for the community. Those things are brought up by other people and that is completely irrelevant. He asked if a resident in this Township could put an inflatable in their yard all year long and how big could it be. Mr. Todd said yes they can put up an inflatable and there was no limitation to the size. Mr. Doraty said when it comes to aesthetics, laws, discrimination and targeting, all the residents in this township can go out and put a twenty-five (25) foot inflatable in their yard and have it there all year long.

Peggy Jarrett (3757 Foskett Road) said the comments are not about residents it is about the commercial districts. She feels commercial and residential were different districts and she thought they were talking about only the commercial district. She didn't understand why Mr. Doraty brought up the inflatables in the residential areas. She feels there is enough signage. Mr. Todd said what they are discussing is not permanent but we need to balance it.

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Sandra Bilek (3414 Hamlin Road) asked if Mr. Doraty could fly a thirty (30) foot balloon on his house that says Bill Doraty-KIA. Mr. Todd said that would be signage so the answer is no. He could put an inflatable on his property with no writing. She said she is in favor of approving the flying of inflatables for fourteen (14) days, three (3) times a year, and if a problem arises then look at the issue again. She is also in favor of putting on a referendum and having the voters decide the issue.

Susan McKiernan (3306 Old Weymouth Road) said she feels all balloons, including Santa Claus's, are detrimental to property values.

Celia Goe (3523 Marks Road) said she would rather see Mr. Doraty's inflatables than all the junk vehicles in the yard that is behind Fenn Plaza. It is not aesthetically pleasing at all.

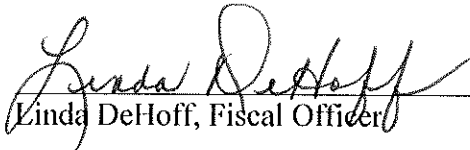
The Trustees continued the public hearing to September 5, 2013, at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Jarrett said to acknowledge the letters that were sent to the Township. Mr. Todd said the letters are public record and will be treated as such. The Trustees will be able to ask questions of the letter writer if they come to the hearing.

Mr. Todd asked Mrs. Strogin if the Trustees send her their questions will she pass them on to the Zoning Commission Members because they would like their answers. Mrs. Strogin said yes.

Mr. Todd motioned to go into recess for the four public hearings; we will continue the public hearing until September 5 at 7:00 pm when we will reconvene the public hearing. We need to make sure, Celia that it's republished for all four topics just the way this meeting was published, that meeting needs to be republished. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

Mr. Todd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. DeMichael.

  
Linda DeHoff, Fiscal Officer

  
Michael D. Todd, Chairman

  
Ray Jarrett, Vice-Chairman

  
Ken DeMichael, Trustee

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July 8, 2013

Dear Honorable Trustees:

On June 18, 2013, the Zoning Commission voted on the proposed text amendments as follows:

1. To modify the existing definition of Sign, Temporary, which currently reads:

~~“Sign, Temporary” is a sign or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, plywood or other light material and designed or intended to be displayed, for a short period of time.”~~

To now read, “Sign, Temporary” is a sign affixed to a building, structure or placed on the ground constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, plywood or other material and designed or intended to be displayed for a limited period of time. See Figure A.”

and to add a definition- “Sign, Inflatable” is a static, air or gas filled structure.”  
Motion carried.

2. To delete Section 605 K-Portable Signs in its entirety:

~~K. Portable Signs- No portable or temporary sign, including a sign on a temporarily placed vehicle for advertising purposes, shall be placed on the front or face of a building or on any premises, except in the following instances for no more than 14 days and shall be at least ten (10) feet from any road right of way.~~

- ~~1. Going out of business sale or grand closings.~~
- ~~2. Grand Openings.~~
- ~~3. Public or institutional events.~~

~~Such signs shall require a deposit in the amount as shown on the schedule of fees, Appendix V, given to the Zoning Inspector by the business advertising the event or the director in the case of a public or institutional event. Failure to remove the portable sign on the 15<sup>th</sup> day results in forfeiture of deposit to the Township.~~



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and replace with the following:

### Section 605

K. Temporary Signs-Shall be limited to one temporary sign per property, not to exceed 32 sq. ft. Such temporary signs may be placed on a building, or on any business property for not more than 14 days, three (3) times per calendar year (Jan.1<sup>st</sup>-Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>). The sign shall be at least 10 ft. from any road right of way except as otherwise specified in this code. The 14-day periods may be consecutive if the property owner so desires.

Motion carried.

3. To delete the current wording of Section 706 Non-Conforming Lots in its entirety:

### ~~Non-Conforming Lots~~

~~The lot area, width and frontage requirements established in each of the zoning districts shall apply to all lots, unless such lot was separately owned and was either a parcel of record or included in a recorded land contract at the time this Resolution took effect and cannot practicably be enlarged to comply with the current requirements. Such lots may be used for any activity permitted in that zoning district, provided the lot and buildings comply with all required front, side and rear yard requirements and all other requirements of the applicable zoning district and this Zoning Resolution. Lots which cannot comply with the front, side and rear yard requirements of the applicable district may be considered for a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals.~~

and replace with the following wording:

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#### Section 706 Non-conforming Lots of Record

A. In any district in which single family dwellings are permitted, a single family dwelling and customary accessory buildings may be erected on any legal lot of record at the effective date of the adoption or amendment of this Resolution, notwithstanding limitation imposed by other provisions of this Resolution, provided all such lots are approved by the Medina County Health Department for on-site sewer and water facilities if applicable. This provision shall apply even though such lot fails to meet the requirements for area or width, or both, that are generally applicable in the district provided that yard dimensions and requirements other than those applying to area or width, or both, of the lot shall conform to the current regulations for the district in which such lot is located. Variances of requirements listed in this Resolution other than lot area or lot width shall be obtained only through action of the Board of Zoning Appeals as provided in Appendix I.

B. A nonconforming lot or lots of record which do not comply with the area or width or both of the current Medina Township Zoning Resolution may be considered for replat or combination so long as any change in the area, width or both of new nonconforming lots or lots resulting from said replat or combination does not create any lot less compliant with the current legal lot regulations. Any new nonconforming lot or lots created as a result of this section must also comply with conditions as set forth in Section 706 A.

Motion carried.

4. To recommend denial of the proposed amendments on Section 605 N. Inflatable Signs, which read:

#### 605N. Inflatable Signs

1. Inflatable signage shall only be permitted in commercial districts. Movement of all or any part of an inflatable sign is prohibited.

2. Frequency:

Inflatable signs shall be limited to one per property and limited to maximum of 42 days per calendar year (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-Dec.31<sup>st</sup>).

3. Inflatable signs shall require a permit secured by a deposit with the zoning inspector in the amount shown on the "schedule of fees" appendix V. Failure to remove the inflatable sign within 24 hrs. of the expiration of the permit shall result in the forfeiture of the deposit to the Township.

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### 4. Location:

- a. All inflatable signs are to be ground-mounted. They are prohibited from rooftops.
- b. Inflatable signs shall be set back from any road right of way and property lines a minimum of 10 ft. plus the height of the sign. (Ex. A 14 ft. tall inflatable would be set back 24 feet).
- c. Inflatable signs and their components placed in parking lots shall not reduce the number of available parking spaces below the required minimum.
- d. Inflatable signs shall not be placed so as to hinder access by emergency vehicles or services.
- e. Placement of an inflatable sign within 660 feet of a Federal or State Highway must comply with Federal/State Regulations.

### 5. Size:

- a. Height shall be measured vertically from the ground to the inflatable sign's highest point; width shall be measured horizontally as the distance between the inflatable sign's widest points. Area shall be determined by multiplying the inflatable sign's height times its width.
- b. Inflatable signs shall not exceed 14 feet in height, nor shall they exceed 75 square feet in area.

The reasons for recommending disapproval are as follows:

We have given much thought to this decision because of the importance, interest, and notoriety of this issue, and have considered the following items:

In a questionnaire circulated in 1981 local residents stated the need for better sign control, fewer signs, smaller signs. (61) The Medina Township Comprehensive Plans of 1983 and 2002 both included mention of sign controls to insure the safety of auto travelers and to maintain the aesthetic quality of the community (63) Mobile signs, A-frame signs, and other miscellaneous signs should not be allowed on commercial property. This is presently one of the principal sign problems along 42 and 18 in Medina Township. (64)

Although the 2008 Comprehensive Plan revision was not approved due to a legal technicality. However, regarding the I-71 Gateway commercial district, the Plan states that because this is a highly visible gateway into Medina

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Township, this area must serve as a well planned commercial corridor with respect to design and visual quality. Consider cohesive design standards for signage along this corridor to encourage better-designed signage which serves to reduce the visual clutter. (3-43)

At the February 25, 2013, open house sponsored by the current Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee we heard many residents voice their concerns about the possible proliferation of signs in the Township. they wanted the township that they first moved into. The results of the surveys mailed to the homes of residents seem to indicate that they too wish to retain the rural and park-like atmosphere of the township.

All but one of the municipalities in Medina County have prohibitions on inflatable signs and Brunswick is considering new regulations on pole signs because they are concerned about the aesthetics and appearance of the I-71 and Center Road corridor.

Since January 2012, more than 35 businesses have requested permits to locate or expand their current businesses in our township.

MC Sporting Goods and Lighthouse Pools have relocated from Medina to Medina Township. Fenn Crossings has gone from nearly deserted to practically full. O'Brien Chevrolet and Medina Auto Mall are currently working on major expansions to their dealerships.

We do not view this Township, and its regulations, as being unfriendly to business. I have heard nothing but wonderful comments from business owners about the help they have received from the zoning inspector. Most recently the V.P. of Quaker State and Lube (Dave Miller) is quoted in the March 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Medina Post, "The one thing about the Township was that they were extremely fair and were extremely reasonable in working with us."

It is also our understanding that the surrounding townships have agreed to have similar zoning requirements to avoid competition for businesses.

Mr. Sherba, the businessman who rents the inflatables, stated at the April 17 public hearing that he does not recommend mounting inflatables on the ground for various safety reasons.

Lastly, as we consider this zoning change, the lyrics of an old song keep reoccurring in my mind, "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got till its gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

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When we consider all that we have stated, we are compelled to vote no on this proposed change in the zoning regulations.

Motion carried.

Please move forward with setting your public hearing accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Ferencz  
Zoning Secretary