

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SPECIAL MEETING/JUNE 16, 2004

The special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, which was posted in three places in the Township, was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Wharton, with Mr. Stormont, Ms. Keller and Ms. Montag present. Also attending were: Mr. McAninch and Mr. Hatmaker. (See attached list).

Mr. Wharton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting was for consideration of the proposed property maintenance code.

Mr. Wharton requested the residents in opposition to speak first and to please approach the podium and state their name and address.

Mr. Bill Loveland of Loveland and Brosius law firm gave an overview of the proposed code with recommendations from the June 2, 2004 workshop.

Mr. Gerald Wilson, opposes the code because it seems like your trying to take our rights away.

Mr. Steve Tatman, opposes the code because there other issues that need dealt with first, prostitution, drugs before we need this code.

Mr. Steve Kennedy, opposes the code for a lot of reasons, mainly because the Board is not listening to what the residents want.

Mr. Gene Jones, opposes the code because the problems he has from 30 years ago still are not fixed and need to be addressed before adopting this code.

Ms. Marian Reeves, opposes the code because she believes her rights are being taken away.

Ms. Maxine Reeves, opposes the code because she believes her rights are being taken away.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst, opposes the code because the grants that are available are not going to help residents in the rural areas of the township. Also, as the Board members and employees change in the township he believes those employees will interpret it differently.

Mr. Steve Hensley, opposes the code because once the code is adopted and employees change in the township the residents have to live with it.

Mr. Carl Litterst, opposes the code because the fines are too high and asked why they can't be reduced.

Mr. Larry Salyer, opposes the code because a lot of people are on fixed incomes and it will cost the residents in the long run. The interpretation later may not be the same as it was written.

Mr. Jeff Mason, opposes the code because nothing prevents people from buying property and turning their neighbors in to increase their property values.

Mr. Wharton requested the residents in favor of the proposed code to speak.

Mr. Dave Conrad, is in favor of the code because it protects his rights and prevents people from infringing in his rights.

Ms. Narci Rausch, is in favor of the code because her neighbor has built a building in his backyard and her yard is a pond of water. She believes people should take care of

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their property.

Ms. Christi Overla, is in favor of the code because it will help enforce the habitual offenders. Things that others do, do affect us.

Ms. Judy Stalter, is in favor of the code because a lot of us have investments in our properties and want to protect our investments. However, she does foresee serious problems in the future if the wrong person is in the position of the enforcement officer. Judy also suggested that proper language needs added for accidental and/or natural disaster occupational or temporary housing permit for a limited time. With a little tweaking it could be an excellent tool for the zoning department.

Ms. Jan Pitts, is in favor the code because in her neighborhood there are a lot of vacant houses that the property owners are not taking care of the properties and their property values are declining and without something like this in place will continue to so.

Ms. Eleanor Jones, is in favor of the code because it helps protect her property as an investment.

Mr. Larry Murray, is in favor of the code because he has a neighbor which is a habitual offender and something needs to be done.

Mr. Dennis Grossman, is in favor of the code because it helps to protect his property.

Ms. Kaye Spradlin, is in favor of the code because she has a neighbor that built a garage and the water from the down spouts runs over to her property and her basement wall is caving in and not repairable.

Ms. Betty Danish, is in favor of the code because in the past few years she has seen the community go down hill. She believes this will help maintain our property values.

Mr. Terrance Stricter, is in favor of the code because he believes it will help in maintaining our property values.

Mr. Carl Litterst, is in favor of the code but not if favor of the fines.

Mr. Glen Hymer, is in favor of the code but would like to see the Board revisit the code in six months.

Ms. Lani Cunningham, is in favor of the code because it will help keep out property values up.

Mr. Wharton stated there will be additional changes made and another meeting held before a final reading is ready.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk