

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Public hearing to consider elimination of Article V Section 506.B

December 16, 2013

6:40 pm

Trustee Harris opened the public hearing to consider the Westfield Township Zoning Commissions recommendation to disapprove elimination of Article V Section 506.B.

Public comments:

Wm. Thombs offered the following comments:

- I am kind of in the middle of the road; neither one is right or wrong.
- I believe we should take another look at it. I disagree with Planning Services because our area is not in the city but in a farming area where the lots are larger. I believe it should not be restricted to just one. There are issues that could be defined in our rural area.

Matt Witmer, zoning inspector:

- Be careful how we allow a second drive. Agriculture can do pretty much what they want.
- There are instances where a 2nd drive would be appropriate. Be careful on township roads as the speed limit may be 55 mph.
- At Kennard & Ryan Roads they wanted 2 drives at the intersection.
- Take into consideration

No other comments, therefore Trustee Harris closed the public portion of the public hearing.

The Board's discussion:

Trustee Oiler's comments:

- I believe there are instances where 2 drives could be allowed such as on corner lots
- Go back to the zoning commission to consider to adopt to our

Trustee Likley's comments:

- We had 3 variance requests, 2 were granted and 1 mitigated. The zoning should not require a variance if there are no safety hazards. There is room to make amendments, set distances, corner lots without safety issues. The county issues the permits. Tom Sass, inspector for the county stated their goal is to have 500' sight distance. The county does review county and township drive permits. The state oversees St. Rt. 3.

Trustee Likley made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Planning Services to DISAPPROVE

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the elimination of Article V Section 506.B and leave the language as is and send it back to the zoning commission for further review, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye
Trustee Harris made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:55 pm, seconded by Trustee Oiler.
Roll call: Oiler, aye; Harris, aye; Likley, aye

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Approved 1-9-14