

# VILLAGE OF SWANTON

## Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2018 • 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36p.m. Roll call was taken; those present included: Mr. DeGood, Mr. Erdman Mr. Dzyak, Mayor Roth, Mr. Brown, Code Enforcement and Mrs. Hoelzle, Village Administrator. Mr. Young was excused.

### Zoning Staff Report

Discussion centered on corner lots with regard to front and side yard.

Currently, **§ 150.056 YARDS ON CORNER LOTS.**

*The depth of the front yard on a corner lot shall be not less than the required setback from the front lot line, and the width of the side yard on the side street shall be not less than one-half of the depth of the front yard required for the adjoining lot which abuts said side street, unless shown otherwise on the zone map.*

There is no diagram in the Codified Ordinance illustrating what is the front and side yard for a corner lot.

Mrs. Roth would like to include “viewable from the street” but this could be problematic with the many alleys within the Village.

Mr. DeGood suggested “if it abuts a public right of way thoroughfare” that would be considered a front yard.

The next conversation centered on recreational vehicle parking as there is a desire to more clearly define.

Currently, **§ 150.247 LOCATION OF PARKING FACILITIES.**

*(d) Parking of any vehicle, trailer or watercraft shall not be permitted in the required front yard of any residential property except on an established parking strip, parking apron, driveway and/or garage.*

### Proposed language and recommendation to Council

(d) Parking of any recreational vehicle (boats, campers, trailers, etc.) shall not be permitted in the front yard or side yard of any residential property. All recreational vehicles (boats, campers, trailers, etc.) shall be stored only within the confines of the rear yard.

Mrs. Hoelzle reported that Council would like to discuss possible edits to the proposed language such as time frame. Enclosed are examples from surrounding communities related to storage of recreational vehicles for review and discussion.

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### Discussion of topics relative to planning/zoning

1. Subdivision sign regulations
  - a. Legal counsel is analyzing if there are legal requirements for the Village to maintain subdivision signs
  - b. Village Council has expressed interested in exploring if the Village should take over maintenance of these signs in the absence of an HOA
  
2. Signage in general
  - a. Should signs on Airport Highway have to conform to low profile?
  - b. There will be a concerted effort to enforce sign maintenance
  
3. Overlay districts
  - a. Create an overlay district for the “older” part of town with its own area and yard requirements?
  
4. Tiny houses
  - a. Create a section related to tiny homes or prohibited them?

Mr. DeGood suggested UAVs as drones are becoming a standard tool as a research topic; what are restrictions, if any by the FAA.

Mrs. Hoelzle gave a quick update on Swan Creek Crossing. It is moving along but no official vacation of plat to date.

*Mrs. Roth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Mr. DeGood seconding. Motion carried 4-0.*

Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

RdG

Mr. Roger DeGood