

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3339 FORM NO. 10148

Held October 15, 2019 20 _____

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in special session on October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of continuing a public hearing for zoning Application #19-ZA-11 – Pet Crematories. Board Vice-Chairman C.J. Lovejoy called the meeting to order. Ronald Rhodes and C.J. Lovejoy answered the roll call. Joe Craft was absent. Also in attendance were Robert Caldwell (Fiscal Officer), Eric Snowden (Zoning Inspector), Gary Smith (G2 Planning), the applicant and members of the public.

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees opened the public hearing by swearing in those who wished to speak. The application, submitted by the Jerome Township Zoning Commission, requests a zoning amendment to the Zoning Resolution to allow for pet crematories within the commercial district.

Township Staff Report

Mr. Snowden, indicated to the Board that the Zoning Commission is seeking a code amendment for an additional use in the commerce district for a pet crematory. He stated that after a review of the current code language, discussions with the Union County Prosecutor's office and a review of the NAICS definition, he recommends the Board not approve the recommendation for the amendment as requested by the Zoning Commission but rather the requested use has been determined to be an allowed permitted use within the commerce district.

Gary Smith provided some additional information stating that the review focused on what services will be provided. He indicated that in discussions with the Union County Prosecutor there was concern over potential ramifications of changing the current definition in the Zoning Resolution. The Prosecutor's Office was of the opinion that a pet crematory fits within the existing definition in the code and that NAIC 812220 does not differentiate between human and pet services.

As a result of the information obtained and guidance provided by the Union County Prosecutor, it was determined that an amendment to the Zoning Resolution is not necessary, but rather would be treated as an existing permitted use.

Mr. Smith recommended that the Board table further discussion of any potential language change to the Zoning Resolution until further discussion with the Union County Prosecutor could take place.

Public Comment

Barry Adler stated that a concern was raised at the Zoning Commission meeting that pet crematories are not regulated by the same agencies as human crematories indicating the need for additional language in the Zoning Resolution to cover items such as odors.

Mr. Smith replied that the Township does have regulations addressing noxious odors and the concern with additional language is that it places additional burden on the Township and the Zoning Inspector in areas they are not qualified in and are state regulated.

At 7:26 p.m. it was moved by C. J. Lovejoy and seconded by Ron Rhodes that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

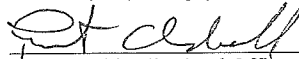
The Jerome Township Board of Trustees continue the special meeting to November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

The vote resulted as follows:

Ronald Rhodes, yes
Lonnie (Joe) Craft, absent
Charles (C.J.) Lovejoy, yes

The motion carried.


Charles (C.J.) Lovejoy, Vice-Chairman


Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer

