

ZONING AND TECHNOLOGY

October 7, 2014

Attendees: Councilmen Marquette, Minarcin and Staczek, Administrator Ciecka, Zoning director Zuchowski and Solicitor Heban

The main focus of the meeting was to discuss nuisance properties. Mark feels that a protocol needs to be adopted in dealing with the violating people and properties.

Kevin was asked to develop a way to track complaints so that all parties involved and interested can view the progress of each complaint.

Mark identified rental properties as being the biggest offenders of our laws. He presented the committee with a option to deal with rentals. It is a rental housing registration and inspection program. The committee agreed that this is a great step towards finding solutions to our nuisance problems. Mark estimates that rental properties make up about 75% of the nuisance offenders. Mark estimates that rental properties make up about 20% to 30% of our housing properties.

Another concern Mark has is the cost to the city to abate some of the problems. As for boats and vehicles we are to call a towing company and they will haul away at no cost to the city. As for grass, snow demolition, painting etc... the expense is the responsibility of the property owner and will be attached to their tax bill if not paid in full upon completion.

Mark mentioned that the majority of the offenders are willing to work with him, there are currently 5 offenders that are difficult to deal with and the committee supported and encouraged him to proceed with legal action with anyone not willing to cooperate.

Pools were discussed. We currently have no legislation in addressing pools that are not properly closed or maintained. Kevin will look into this.

Ed brought up a service for helping with our web page that is currently popular with a lot of school districts. Cost is \$12,000.00/year.