

EAC Meeting, November 20, 2024

Attendance: Patti O'Keefe, Jennifer Mittereder, Darryl Speicher, Sally Duffy.

Absent: Kathleen Sandt

The main subject discussed was the property in Canadensis, formerly owned by the Payne family.

The current owners want a waiver on the floodplain requirement to install a septic system. Currently there is a cesspool on the property. The proposed site for the septic is 45 ft. and not the required 50 ft. The committee agreed that a waiver could be granted on the condition that a tree buffer be planted along the length of the property. A variety of trees were suggested as best suited to that area to include yellow birch, willow and red maple. The trees must be at least 5 ft. tall planted 15 ft. apart for the 180 ft. distance. It was also noted that DEP requires a permit.

Also discussed was the Abandoned (commercial) Property Ordinance that includes language to add significant penalties and a strict time-frame for fines. It was agreed that the ordinance is needed, and would insure that the property owner acknowledged the problem.

The pro's and con's of Airbnb's were talked about because a member of the committee had the question posed to them as to whom complaints should be addressed and how they are handled within the guidelines of the ordinance. In future, complainants would be encouraged to contact the township with their concerns.

There was no July meeting and the September meeting did not have a quorum. The September meeting visitors: Jason Delp and Beth Ciochello.

The next meeting will be January 15, 2025 @6:00 p.m.