



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: July 7, 2010

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: Mark F. Miller, Acting Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Services
R. Brent Savidant, Acting Planning Director
Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist

SUBJECT: Comments made by Mr. Benjamin Blaszak at the June 28, 2010 City Council Special Study Meeting

At the City Council Special Study Meeting of June 28, 2010, Mr. Benjamin Blaszak made a number of comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. This memorandum was written in response to those public comments. A letter responding to these comments was sent to Mr. Blaszak.

Mr. Blaszak commented that a Municipal Civil Infraction Citation was taped to the front of his house by the City. Chapter 100.04.04 of the Troy City Code states that service may be made by attaching a copy of the citation to the building and mailing the citation to the owner by first-class mail. At the time the citation was served, the owner was not present at the home; therefore a copy of the citation was taped to the front door and another copy was mailed to the owner, as per Chapter 100.04.04.

Mr. Blaszak commented about establishing a "nature area" on his property. Troy City Code Chapter 82 Property Maintenance Code allows Preservation or Restoration Areas. In order to qualify as a Preservation or Restoration Area, a property owner must file a preservation or restoration plan with the City and receive approval. To date Mr. Blaszak has not filed a preservation or restoration plan with the City. We have advised Mr. Blaszak in writing that he may contact City Environmentalist Jennifer Lawson at (248) 524-3381 for more information.

Mr. Blaszak commented on the stockpiling of manure at 691 Ottawa. The Acting Planning Director and Zoning and Compliance Specialist inspected the property on July 7, 2010. The inspection revealed that smells were barely detectable from approximately 100 feet downwind of the manure pile, on a 91 degree day. The manure was in a contained area, covered by a roof and screened on three sides. There were no violations identified.

Mr. Blaszak commented about a detached accessory structure at 691 Ottawa. City records indicate that Building Permits were issued for two detached accessory buildings on the property. The site visit indicated there are more than two detached accessory buildings on the site. The property owner was verbally advised of permit requirements. Staff will contact the property owner by July 12, 2010 to establish a mutually agreeable compliance plan.

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