**White Oak Township Planning Commission**

**Public Hearing**

**January 22, 2014**

The White Oak Township Planning Commission Public Hearing was called to order by Co-chairman Walker at 7:00 PM on Wednesday January 22, 2014.

 Roll call as follows: Commission Co-chairman Kenneth Chamberlain, Commission Co-chairman Joe Walker, Commissioner Carol Brimhall, Commissioner Barbara Atkin, and Commissioner/Township Trustee Todd Baker. Township residents in attendance were:

 Kelly Brockway Bonalle, 440 Risch Rd.

Wesley Williams, 440 Risch Rd.

Barbara O’Toole, 400 Risch Rd.

Mike O’Toole, 400 Risch Rd.

Mary Joan McArthur, 4530 Dansville Rd

James Roark, 5204 E Howell Rd.

 A public hearing was held at the White Oak Township hall as required by the White Oak Township Zoning Ordinance #11. The hearing was held to review and hear public comments regarding a request by Kelly Bonalle for a non-commercial dog kennel.

The residence at 440 Risch Rd has three adults living there, two permanent, and one temporarily. One adult has six dogs, one has five dogs, and the temporary resident has four dogs. There are also eight dogs in a litter that are still there.

Kelly Brockway Bonalle and Wesley Williams discussed the recent improvements they have made to the fenced in area of the back yard. They have also paid about $1,500 in fines and license fees to the county. They also indicated that they would do anything that was necessary to make the situation more tolerable for the neighbors in order to keep their pets.

Mr. O’Toole presented a sheet of signatures in opposition to a “Dog Kennel” at the location. He also indicated that the 23 dogs barking have been very disturbing anytime anyone is out in the yard or there is a delivery. He did indicate that with the recent improvements in screening the fenced area have improved the situation, but that the upper deck is not screened on his side of the deck and they see him and bark when they are let out of the house.

Mr. Roark said he was opposed to a dog kennel that allowed an unlimited number of dogs but a limit of about 15 would be acceptable.

It was said but not confirmed that the new neighbors to the north of 440 Risch Rd owned four large dogs.

The public comments concluded at 7:33 PM and the matter was referred to the regular Planning Commission for discussion.

 The hearing was adjourned at 7:34 PM by Joe Walker.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Chamberlain, Planning Commission Co-chairman.