

Monument Signs

The Sylvania Township Zoning Commission may begin a discussion of possible changes in some of its regulations governing monument signs of the township.

The issue was raised by Daryl Graus, planning and zoning manager for the township, who told the panel recently that he had noticed an increase in filings with the board of zoning appeals seeking variances for height and/or setback requirements for monument signs.

Mr. Graus said he didn't have any specific recommendations for changes, nor was he suggesting any might be needed, but thought it was a good idea to mention the issue for the board to determine if some changes might be needed.

He added that when he looked at surrounding communities, it appeared that in many instances the Sylvania Township regulations were more restrictive than others.

Sylvania Township allows such signs to be a maximum of 5 ft. high and they must be set back from the right-of-way a minimum of 15 ft.

He noted that in nearby Monclova Township, such signs are allowed to be as much as 15 ft. high, although the setback requirement is further at 20 ft. Springfield Township, he said, has no setback requirement but allows for the height to gradually increase based on the distance from the right-of-way.

The City of Sylvania allows for heights of 6 to 10ft., based on the zoning of the location. Monument signs in the city must be no closer than 10 ft. from the right-of-way.

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