

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

March 26, 2013

A motion was made by Carlos Nieves to call the meeting of the Parkman Township Zoning Commission to order at 7:05 p.m. March 26, 2013. Scott Villers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. In attendance were Zoning Commission members-Carlos Nieves, Scott Villers, Deborah Wilson, Paul Nalepa, Zoning Secretary-Renee Patry, Jerry Jacobs and Bob Kramer.

Members not present-Len Hall and James Vaughan.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Scott Villers and seconded by Carlos Nieves to approve the February 26, 2013 minutes as submitted. Vote as follows: Carlos Nieves-yes, Scott Villers-yes, Paul Nalepa-yes, and Deborah Wilson abstaining because not in attendance at that meeting.

Old Business

- Home Occupation Regulations-Bob Kramer-resident Parkman Township asked the Zoning Commission what kind of Home Occupation was being built in his neighborhood. Mr. Kramer said he lives on Hosmer Road and is a neighbor to Mr. Allen Weaver. He has observed a driveway and construction equipment as well as block at his neighbor's property. Carlos Nieves explained that he had attended a meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals in which Mr. Allen Weaver had an appeal for an area variance for an 8400 square foot building for a fabrication metal shop. Carlos Nieves explained that the appeal was denied by the Board of Zoning Appeals, two members voted yes and two members voted no. A majority of 3 in favor of granting an appeal is required, so the appeal was denied. Bob Kramer expressed concerns of having such a large business in a residential neighborhood. He was also concerned because he has observed building type activities at the property even though the appeal had been turned down. Jerry Jacobs suggested the Zoning Inspector issue a stop work order. Paul Nalepa asked what

type of punishment there is for non-compliance. He suggested a monetary fee to help enforcement. In this case, Mr. Weaver has filed an appeal with the Geauga County Common Pleas Court.

Carlos Nieves suggested Bob Kramer inform the Board of Trustees, and the Zoning Inspector of his concerns. He was also informed of the joint public meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Zoning Commission, Board of Trustees, and Zoning Inspector on April 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. Carlos Nieves will contact the Zoning Inspector to inquire about the building activities at the Allen Weaver property.

- Home Occupation Salvage Store-The Zoning Commission discussed salvage/surplus store as a Home Occupation. It is not on the list of Home Occupations at this time. It was noted that many Amish are interested in Home Occupations. Carlos suggested reviewing the Middlefield Villager index of Amish Businesses as examples to review the Home Occupation list in the Zoning Regulation. It was also suggested to try and check with neighboring Township's to review their regulations.

New Business

- Next meeting of the Zoning Commission will be the joint meeting on April 23, 2013. The following Zoning Commission meeting will be May 28, 2013. The Committee plans to review the Home Occupation list.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Carlos Nieves and seconded by Paul Nalepa to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

Renee Patry

Carlos Nieves

Zoning Secretary

Chair