

Parkman Township Zoning Commission

July 23, 2019

Zoning Commission Members Present: Donald Gatrell, Cindy Gazley, Len Hall, Norman Yoder, and Jan Helt (secretary)

Members not present: Carlos Nieves and Al Weaver.

Mr. Gatrell made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Gatrell made a motion to approve June minutes as read seconded by Mr. Len Hall.

Old Business:

Addressing Zoning book:

Mr. Gatrell and Mr. Hall decided to keep the format we have because it looks like that is what all the townships are using. There may be additional problems if we try to change it.

David Dietrich was introduced to everyone at the meeting. **Mr. Dietrich** stated he worked for the planning commission for 41 years. He wrote all the county sub-divisions regulations and participated in setting up all the townships zoning rules and regulations. **Mr. Dietrich** said he gave advice and guided all townships in different situations including Parkman Township.

Mr. Dietrich stated that he realized the budget was limited for small townships he said it is only him and he would charge \$25.00 an hour. He would keep track of his own time he said it is just him and he will be here when we want him. **Mr. Dietrich** said he will try to give us options there are different ways of doing or working things out. Any legal issues that come up he will be able to guide us.

Mr. Dietrich said he will guide us in the right direction. He said he is happy to assist or help us in any way he can. He stated it will be time consuming for the board. He said we need to take our time and deliberate and review and redo. **Mr. Dietrich** stated he is helping Bainbridge redo their zoning book also.

Ms. Gazley stated Parkman Township lack of planning has caused less planning. What kind of people do we want stopping in Parkman Township? There is a lot of truck traffic already with the pallet shop.

We did have people stopping at the restaurant when it was there and open.

Mr. Gatrell said the Amish will be key, they like a lot of green. **Mr. Gatrell** asked **Mr.**

Dietrich how we should proceed.

Mr. Dietrich said for starters we go through each section maybe a couple at each meeting. Do all the amendments together for a section or two at a time. We can do more than one amendment at a time. That definitely will help with the cost.

Ms. Helt stated that besides the cost of the amendments there is also advertising costs. The board has to advertise for an open meeting and so do the trustees separate from the board.

Everyone agreed that right now Parkman Township is an eyesore. Maybe we should charge fines or something like that if nothing is done. Mr. Duchscherer is working with the county prosecutor to get some things taken care of. Hopefully he will be successful in his endeavors.

Mr. Duchscherer said he will talk with the other trustees about hiring Mr. Dietrich as a consultant for the board to help with redoing our zoning book. He will get back to us and confirm that when it happens.

Agenda for August:

- Dave Dietrich will attend our next meeting.
- Our goal is to continue to work on improving our Zoning Book.

Ms. Gazley motioned to adjourn the meeting **Mr. Hall** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday August 28, 2019 at 7:00 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jan Helt

Donald Gatrell

Parkman Township
Zoning Commission Secretary

Chairperson

