

# **Parkman Township Zoning Commission**

## **Minutes**

**April 28, 2015**

**Zoning Commission Members Present:** Carlos Nieves, Scott Villers, Leonard Hall  
Debbie Wilson, Jerry Jacobs and Jan Helt (Secretary)

**Member not Present:** James Vaughn

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Carlos Nieves.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Scott Villers and second by Leonard Hall to approve minutes for March 24, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Parkman Township Amendment discussion:**

Carlos Nieves stated that Dave Dietrich's letter suggests that we define exactly what a freezer locker is. Mr. Dietrich feels we need to come up with a definition of the term "freezer locker". He also stated that "**Sale of ice and freezer locker rental maybe be classified as a home occupation under article 1v, Section 402.2(J).**" (Letter from Dave Dietrich is attached).

Mr. Hall suggested that we maybe ask the gentlemen who owns the freezer lockers in Middlefield exactly what is a freezer locker, how big it is, and are there different sizes. Mr. Hall felt that at this point we are more concerned about the building rather than what is inside the building. We need to make sure all County Buildings Codes are being followed. We will continue to refine and work on these freezer lockers.

Our definition for freezer locker is as follows:

**Freezer locker – is a storage unit for the use of frozen food and ice, shall not be used to store non-food items. To be used to store personal food only.**

### **Salvage Stores:**

Mr. Nieves brought up the fact that some salvage stores in Parkman are not safe. He said he stopped in one and there were 2 workers and about 25 customers. There is no sprinkler system and he did not see a fire extinguisher anywhere in the building. Mr. Nieves plans on talking with Troy to see if they have any zoning on these salvage stores popping up all over. He also said that the salvage store he was in has exceeded a home occupation. He put up tents outside the building to hold some of the merchandise. Mr. Nieves is worried about the health and safety of the customers shopping there. Mr. Nieves said he would check with the Fire Department to see if there is some way to make salvage stores accountable to the safety of their customers. Mr.

Nieves asked “where is the balance between say Dollar General and salvage store”, the scale is not equal. Dollar General is held accountable for the safety of all who enter their doors. Mr. Nieves stated that there are some salvage stores that are within the limit of the building size. The question is how do we rectify this problem? We will have to check with the county prosecutor to see what suggestions she may have.

Mr. Nieves suggested we close this portion of the meeting.

**New Business:**

M. Nieves asked if there was any new business.

Mr. Villers asked if we wanted to add anything to home occupations while we are changing things in the zoning book. Here is a list of suggested items:

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| Bakery         | Sandblasting     |
| Salvage Stores | Sale of firewood |
| Variety Store  | Home Office      |
| Book Store     |                  |

This is what everyone came up with so think about it and we will discuss further at our next meetings.

Mr. Nieves motioned to close the meeting and Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee will meet on Tuesday May 26, 2015 at 7:00pm. The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Freezer Lockers
- Home Occupation

Respectfully Submitted by, Jan Helt Parkman Township Zoning Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Carlos Nieves Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

