

# **Parkman Township Zoning Commission**

## **Minutes**

**February 23, 2016**

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

**Member not Present:** James Vaughn, Carlos Nieves and Debbie Wilson

Others Present: Jon Ferguson

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Leonard Hall.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Scott Villers and second by Leonard Hall to approve the minutes with corrections for January 26, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hall stated he contacted Dave Dietrich and asked the following question. Does the county have any regulations for “Mini Houses” and indoor outdoor shooting ranges? Mr. Dietrich said no. We do not have specific zoning regulations to allow “mini-houses.” The only indoor shooting range (gun) in the county that we are aware of is located in Newbury. It was addressed thru a consent judgement entry between the owner and the board of township trustees. We are not aware of any outdoor shooting (gun) ranges. No township in our county lists these as permitted uses in their zoning resolution. Be mindful, however, that a property owner may shoot on his/her property without the need for a zoning certificate.

Mr. Hall stated that we (Parkman Zoning Commission) believe our current zoning would address mini houses through mobile home restrictions and minimum square footage of a permanent home if one decided to put the mini home on a foundation. Mr. Dietrich stated, yes. This would seem to be already regulated thru the minimum square footage (floor area) required for a dwelling set forth in the zoning resolution.

Mr. Hall said that he is not sure whether we want to cover the shooting range at this time or not. We can always address it when and if it happens. It looks like we are covered for the mini house with the zoning we have in place now. No need do anything at this time. There is only one camping grounds or mobile home parks in Parkman Township (Kool Lakes) at this time. Shangrila is closed now also.

Mr. Jacobs stated that there is no Parkman Township sign designating the town line on Shed Road. The center of Shed road is the line. There are a couple of trailers in Parkman Township that should not be there. One is on 528 that was used many years ago while they built their home and never removed from the property. He said he does not know what we can do about it now.

Mr. Ferguson said that the owner of the bike shop is still trying to fix it up. The whole back wall is in bad shape. Don't know how far he will get with it but he is trying. The state supposedly, has the money for a turning lane at the gas station they set aside 600,000 for that project. It should not take too much of the gas station lot.

Mr. Jacobs said that is why the owner of the gas station wanted to buy the property behind the gas station for additional parking.

Mr. Ferguson said the county gets most of the money for the roads, Parkman Township is responsible for 40% of the roads in our township and we get 3% of the money designated by the state for our roads. Josh Mandel stated that over the last 2 years the state has balanced their budget, increased spending and they have a 2 billion surplus for a rainy day. Most of that is money taken away from all the townships in Ohio. If our road levy in Parkman does not pass I do not know what we are going to do about our roads.

Mr. Hall asked if Amen Towing is in business or Parkman Auto he said he has seen the same vehicles sitting there all winter. They are in public view now and the fencing is caving in also. Mr. Ferguson stated that John Spelich has been all over Nathon about those cars that are left. He will continue to monitor this situation. Supposedly Amen Towing and Parkman Auto are no longer in business there.

Mr. Hall stated that at this time there is nothing on the agenda for next month so the meeting is tentative depending on need.

Mr. Hall asked if there was anything else there was not. Mr. Villers motioned to adjourn the meeting Mr. Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.by:

Approved,

Jan Helt

Leonard Hall

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Parkman Township Zoning Secretary.

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Chair