

## Parkman Township Zoning Commission

January 23, 2018

**Zoning Commission Members Present:** Carlos Nieves, Len Hall, Jerry Jacobs, James Vaughn, Robert Hershberger, Mr. Al Weaver, Donald Gatrell, and Jan Helt (secretary)

**Not Present:**

**Others Present:** Jon Ferguson

Jerry Jacobs motioned to open the meeting at **7:00** pm and seconded by Carlos Nieves.

A motion was made by Len Hall and seconded by Jerry Jacobs to approve the minutes for **November 16, 2017** meeting with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

First thing on the agenda, elect a chairperson. Carlos Nieves nominated Len Hall motioned passed unanimously. Carlos Nieves accepted alternate chairperson in case Len Hall is absent.

Len Hall went over procedure for lot measurement in Parkman Township. Most legal descriptions, although not all, begin at the centerline of a road right-of-way. For purposes of determining minimum lot size, the Parkman Township Zoning Resolution (including the other Zoning Resolutions in our County) excludes the area in the road right-of-way. Consequently, legal descriptions and survey maps typically set fourth the area in the road-right-of-way. the Parkman Township Zoning resolution (Section 201.0) includes the following definition of “lot, minimum area” means the total area, expressed in acres, included within the boundary lines of a lot computed exclusive of any portion of the right-of-way of any abutting public or private road. We received our information from Dave Dietrich and Bob Kosie.

Zoning commission does not believe there needs to be a clarification in our Zoning book. They recommend we leave it the way it is. Every property is unique and different in its own way. It may be different with each one.

**Agenda: Medical Marijuana:** Len Hall summarized: there will be 24 marijuana plants in Ohio 12 large and 12 small. Len Hall stated he would still like to educate the public as to what is involved and answer any questions about medical marijuana plants they may have. It was suggested we hold the meeting at Buster's, the building holds about 900 people. Robert Hershberger stated that the Amish community is having problems right now with drug use like everyone else. They have meetings at least 6 times a year and are holding classes in their schools. It is a huge problem in all communities all over Ohio. Robert Hershberger also stated that he doesn't feel the Amish community will accept allowing a marijuana plant in Parkman Township. Robert stated he felt Freeman Miller's statement at the November meeting is how the Amish community feels.

Freeman stated "most of the Amish he has spoken to are opposed to a medical marijuana plant in Parkman. Freeman said there are 125 churches in Geauga County, with approximately 25 families at each church. Freeman suggested maybe a presentation to the community would be helpful so all their questions could be answered and for everyone in our Parkman Community."

Len Hall stated he would speak to Sheila Salem and get some information from her on medical marijuana rules and regulations. Len Hall stated that marijuana would be treated just like alcohol when driving. If you are under the influence you will be arrested if you test over the limit.

There are as many issues with drugs today as with alcohol. It was stated that marijuana is not addictive but it does lead to other drug use. The fire department gets nacam from Geauga hospital for free the actual cost is \$75.00 for each vial. We appreciate the help from Geauga Hospital.

Jan suggested we have an amendment for and one against the medical marijuana plant at the community meeting. When the meeting is over we will go with whatever the community decides. Jan will also send an e-mail to Dave Dietrich's and get his input.

Agenda for our next meeting will be medical marijuana. We will work on the drafts for both amendments for and against medical marijuana. The plan is to have a public meeting at Buster's in Parkman Township, which holds around 900 people.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Len Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Carlos Nieves seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jan Helt

Len Hall

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Parkman Township  
Zoning Commission Secretary

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Chairperson