

Parkman Township Zoning Commission

July 10, 2018

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

Not Present: Robert Hershburger

Others Present: Jon Ferguson, Stacie Simms, and Linda Jacobs.

Len Halls motioned opened the meeting at **7:00 p.m.**

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Len Hall and seconded by Jerry Jacobs to approve the minutes for **April 24, 2018** meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Jan Helt stated amendment for Marijuana is completed; copies were given to the recorders office and Planning Commission. Jan said she will bring the new page inserts for our zoning book to our next meeting.

New Business:

Len Hall stated that we have regulations, but John Spelich wanted clarification or a better definition on shipping containers not allowed in Parkman Township. Len Hall stated John Spelich said he turned it over to the prosecutor's office. John Spelich would like something written like an amendment if the zoning commission wants to allow shipping containers in Parkman Township.

Jerry Jacobs stated that there is a shipping container behind the Post House. He's wondering why that was allowed.

It was stated that Mr. Simms had a shipping container in his yard that he is using for storage for his Mother's furniture and some of his furniture. It was explained he is remodeling his home and needs the container until it is complete. After his home is complete he would like to use it for fire wood.

A discussion in sued about Article 1V Section 402.2 in our zoning book.

Section 402.2 G

Permitted Accessory Buildings, Structures, and Uses (which are on the same lot with and incidental or subordinate to the principal permitted buildings, structure, or use).

- A.** Accessory buildings designed and used for, but not limited to, the storage of tools, equipment, supplies, motor vehicles, freezer lockers, and other personal property owned by the occupants of the principal building or structure not to exceed 1,000 square feet per building on lots of record under 2.5 acres, 1,500 square feet per building on 2.5 to 5 acre lots, 2,000 square feet per building for more than 5 acres and up to 10 acre lots, and 2,500 square feet per building on greater than 10 acre lots. A maximum of two (2) accessory buildings per lot are permitted.

Don Gatrell stated that a cargo container is not an accessory building; maybe you could construct a building around it.

Len Hall said maybe we should address reefers too while we are at it.

Jerry Jacobs is a neighbor and he stated he is not offended by it.

James Vaughn said maybe build a barn and put the container inside the barn, Amish could do that easily. But then again you might just build a barn for storage.

Carlos Nieves said he feels we should leave it the way it is in our zoning book. These shipping containers are not listed as permissible it is not an allowable use.

Al Weaver stated enough is enough he doesn't feel we need any more clarification.

There was a long discussion on some of the eyesores in Parkman Township already trucks, trailers, dead cars, abandoned homes, there is a process that has to be followed to remove these things legally. These shipping containers are not listed as permissible so they are not an allowable use. Everyone agreed that we should leave it the way it is in our zoning. We can't do this maybe the next person would put it in their front yard. Everyone felt it would be more of a hazard to our township.

Len Hall called for a vote to further define the current ordinance:

Al Weaver	No	Len Hall	Yes
Don Gatrell	No	James Jacobs	No
James Vaughn	No	Carlos Nieves	No

The board voted unanimously that our current ordinance will not change.

It was stated Mr. Simms could go back to John Spelich and appeal and try to get a variance.

Discussed what was happening at the intersection of 528 and 422. Lots of changes not complete yet. Nobody knows for sure what they are doing probably not even the state.

Agenda: nothing on the agenda.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jan Helt

Len Hall

Parkman Township
Zoning Commission Secretary

Chairperson