

**Austinburg Township, Ohio
Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Zoning Commission was called to order on December 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM by the Chair, Mr. Rob Lapuh. Also present were Ms. Wanda Lahnan, Mr. Phil Miller, Mr. Ted Seifert and Alternate Ms. Clare Polak. Also present were Zoning Secretary Helen Yarbrough and others. No Austinburg Township Trustees were present. Vice Chair Ms. Jackie Krysa and Zoning Inspector John Beninato were not present.

Mr. Seifert made a MOTION to approve the Minutes of the October meeting. Ms. Lahnan seconded the MOTION to approve the Minutes. All voted aye, none were opposed, and the MOTION carried. The Minutes were approved.

Ms. Lahnan made a MOTION to approve the Minutes of the November meeting. As she was the only Member present who was also at that meeting, Ms. Lahnan seconded the MOTION to approve the Minutes. All voted aye, none were opposed, and the MOTION carried. The Minutes were approved.

Discussion followed concerning a definition of “family.” One definition was shared via email with the Members by Ms. Lahnan earlier today. Mr. Seifert mentioned the need of the Zoning Commission to have a particular definition, since there has been a lot of case litigation on that subject. Ms. Lahnan had contacted Shara H. Parkomaki, Librarian/Director of the County Law Library at the Ashtabula County Courthouse to get the definition that she shared and brought to the meeting. Mr. Seifert suggested that Ms. Lahnan contact Catherine Colgan in the Prosecutor’s office to ask her for a definition that we can use, not asking for an opinion but only for a definition. Since Ms. Colgan’s office will be the one to defend us, if needed, we can ask her for a definition that she can support.

At the next meeting hopefully we will have the definitions so we can get the matter off our slate, as well as the subject of satellite dishes.

Mr. Lapuh asked for any other subjects to discuss, but none were brought up.

Mr. Seifert has submitted his resignation to the Trustees, meaning that this meeting will be his last as a Member of the Zoning Commission.

Ms. Lahnan made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Miller seconded it. All voted aye; none were opposed. The MOTION carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen H. Yarbrough
Zoning Secretary