

**Austinburg Township, Ohio**

**Zoning Commission**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 6, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Zoning Commission was called to order on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 5:20 PM by Vice Chair Ms. Jackie Krysa. Also present were Ms. Clair Polak, Ms. Shara Parkomaki, Zoning Inspector John Beninato, Township Trustee Bryon Dutton and Secretary Dolores Allen.

The Meeting of February 6, 2019 did not have a quorum, therefore, no minutes were approved.

Fairfield Inn has pulled the necessary permits and will be building an 88 room facility on Sidley Court. This may require a turning lane on Clay Street. The soil issues that prohibited Fairfield Inn from building previously have been resolved. Construction has been awarded and is slated to start in the spring.

Ms. Krysa is going to propose to the Township Trustees that some of the bed-tax money be allocated to a Comprehensive Plan. A CBDG grant may be an alternative source of funding for the Comprehensive Plan.

Old Business: Ms. Krysa outlined the Zoning Regulation updates that need to be done. They include medical marijuana, fences, oil and gas, family homes, and satellite dish.

Proposed change to living fence height for rear and side yards can be up to 6 feet in height; fences in front yards with through visibility of at least 50% are limited to 4 ½ feet; fences in front yards less than 50% are limited to 3 ½ feet in height.

Oil and Gas Wells sections are to be removed from the book completely.

Satellite dish definition is to be updated and removed from each district as a permit is no longer required.

Definitions of family and medical marijuana need to be passed.

Future consideration and updates will be made for tiny homes. Ms. Polak will research zoning in other states as a guideline. Mr. Beninato suggested an overlay district.

Ms. Parkomaki distributed and spoke about H.B. 500 and the impact the changes will have on Townships.

Ms. Polak made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Parkomaki seconded it. All voted aye; none were opposed. The MOTION carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

The next Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 5:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Allen

Zoning Secretary