

Munson Township
Zoning Commission Meeting
Minutes of March 12, 2020

Dennis Medica called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Kurtis Taylor, Adriano Fiucci, Nick Christie and Ed Hren present. Also present was Zoning Inspector James Herringshaw and Secretary Julie Johnston. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Kurtis Taylor moved and Nick Christie seconded to approve the minutes of January 20, 2020 as written. Motion carried, 3-0.

The Board reviewed a few suggested changes the Planning Commission offered after their informal review of the upcoming Zoning Resolution Amendment.

Zoning Report

Zoning Inspector, James Herringshaw has many zoning certificates in the works ranging from new homes to swimming pools. Mr. Herringshaw attended a zoning meeting last evening in Auburn Township. Some of the Topics include: Air Bed & Breakfasts - They are not permitted in either Munson or Chester Township. Shipping containers – We will have to address since they are inexpensive, versatile and becoming more popular and not currently permitted as permanent storage containers. We will most likely look at them as a structure. Storage container regulations – there has been issues in other townships.

As far as the variance for Lake/Geauga Recovery Center on Ravenna Road, they are saying that the tenants are a protected class. The Assistant Geauga County Prosecutor Susan Wieland does not agree. If the Board of Zoning Appeals turns it down, they will have to take it up with Geauga County Common Pleas Court. This will most likely be a long running issue. Another variance that will be heard is for the manufacturing and sales of guns at Mayfield Road property. The manufacturing of guns is not allowed but selling is according our Zoning Resolution.

The next round of Zoning Resolution amendments will start soon. The most recent amendments were approved by the Trustees and will go into effect on March 26, 2020.

Dennis Medica moved and Kurtis Taylor seconded to schedule the next meeting for Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7pm. Motion carried, 5-0.

Dennis Medica moved and Adriano Fiucci seconded to close the meeting at 7:33pm. Motion carried, 5-0.


Dennis Medica, Chair


Julie Johnston, Secretary