

Munson Township
Zoning Commission Meeting
Minutes of April 9, 2019

Chair Adriano Fiucci called the public hearing to order at 7:00pm with Kurtis Taylor, Dennis Medica, Lenore Pikus, and Secretary Julie Johnston present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Many residents were concerned about some of the proposed changes to the Zoning Resolution, specifically Section 519.1. The residents are worried they would not have a voice if 51% written consent of property owners was struck from the Zoning Resolution. Furthermore, by changing the length of time of an event from 15 days to 30 days, they felt they would lose some control especially if the event was less than desirable.

There were also traffic concerns on Mayfield Road for the Christmas light display at Bethlehem Hills. Some residents were fearful that an emergency vehicle would not be able to safely pass through; and other residents were unable to use their driveways to leave or arrive home without lengthy delays. They expressed concern that government is not thinking about the people and are doing what they want without letting the people know.

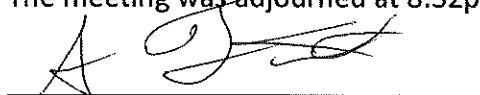
A resident asked what the purpose of changing Section 519 is. The Zoning Commission mentioned the Township has never asked for a comprehensive and detailed plan which is needed for ongoing temporary uses. For an annual event, the entity would have to provide a comprehensive and detailed plan to the Zoning Inspector for his review. Without the plan, the Township would not know what was going on.

Some residents wanted to know if there is a better way to let others know of changes to the Zoning Resolution. The Zoning Commission explained the Board meets once per month with all meetings open to the public. The meetings are advertised on the Township's website, in local area newspapers, and posted at the Town Hall. Mr. Medica explained the Zoning Commission's role. The Board typically meets once a month and reviews the language in the Zoning Resolution. They might address current topics or the Zoning Inspector brings issues to them to review. When an amendment is proposed, it is a lengthy process that includes reviews by the Township's legal counsel and the Geauga County Planning Commission. A series of meetings are held and legally advertised. Upon holding a public hearing, the Zoning Commission has 30 days in which to act upon it and make their recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees has the final decision to approve, deny or make some modification to the proposed amendment.

After hearing the concerns of the residents, the Zoning Commission decided not to vote on the proposed changes that evening. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 7:30pm. The public hearing was adjourned at 8:19pm.

The regular meeting immediately followed. Kurtis Taylor moved and Lenore Pikus seconded to approve the minutes of March 19, 2019 as written. Motion carried, 4-0. The Board discussed the comments from the residents in the public hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm



Adriano Fiucci, Chair



Julie Johnston, Secretary