

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

BEVERLEY KIBLER, CHAIRMAN, RUTH SCHELL,
ERIC COURTNEY, LINDA FALTISCO, BOB VAIR

Bev calls meeting to order on 7/22/2021 @ 7pm.

R/C: Everyone present except for Ruth Schell.

Bev: Okay. Has everyone had a chance to look over the minutes? Any additions or corrections from anyone else? She's already confirmed one she has to correct. Can I have a motion?

Linda: I make a motion.

Vote: Motion approved.

Bev: Okay, it's up to you, Jim, where would you like to start?

Jim: With the copy machine being down, I can't print so I'm going to read. I'm sure my elementary school teachers would be proud. We're going to skip the temporary structures and we're going to go to food trucks language for the food trucks and this comes from Springfield Township, which is the Springfield Township down around Columbus and they charge \$50 for a permit, and the permit is good for a whole year, whole calendar year. So that's what I was wanting to propose that we charge. And then under the wording, just the overall wording for the section that we put into effect. Mobile Food units, including food trucks, food carts and food stamps are permitted to operate within Ravenna Township, and then a zoning certificate or a permit must be obtained by the operator of the mobile food unit, or by the property owner, where the mobile food unit will be located. Prior to its operation. B. A mobile food unit is permitted to be located in only the commercial residential, general commercial and general industrial zoning districts. I didn't think it would be appropriate to allow the residential low residential medium or residential high. Do you guys agree with that?

Bev: There wouldn't be any (inaudible)
(Inaudible)

Bev: What do we do with like the balloon- a-fair? Do they have to have permits out there or is that included with the balloon-a-fair things?

Jim: That's all included in the balloon-a-fair. But they are inspected by the Health Department and the fire department.

Bev: Okay.

Eric: How about roadside vegetable stands, corn and tomatoes?

Jim: That's covered as well. That's it.

Eric: Okay.

Jim: Yeah, it's food trucks food carts and food stands.

Eric: Even though they're not mobile, they're still covered as (inaudible)

Jim: It's considered to be (inaudible).

Eric: Okay.

Bev: Now the health department, would only do food vendors and then they do the stands that sell produce to?

Jim: I don't, I don't know. I think they only regulate the prepared food for the fair, they do this, because they have they have water and heat sanitizing and all that stuff, like they want to do

those. See, the zoning typically is valid for no more than 12 occurrences, on a single parcel per calendar year. Most of them only operate three months out of the year, at the most, so that would give them all for the four times a week or one time a week they can operate. So how do you know if that's enough, too much, not enough?

Bev: Depending, are you talking in June, July, August, are we going like from May through September?

Jim: Probably working May through September, I would imagine, is for 12 occurrences. From January to December so.

Eric: By occurrences, how long can those be? If a guy is open all year round, that's one occurrence. Right?

Jim: There's also a section in here where it regulates the hours of operation per day. So Monday would be one occurrence, Tuesday would be another occurrence.

Eric: And also, it isn't like the guy comes in and sets up a vegetable stand and he's there for four months. That's, he's only there for 12 days.

Jim: Well, that's one way of looking at unless an occurrence is from when they set up to when they take it down like, he comes in there, and sets it up for a whole week, is that one occurrence? You know?

Eric: It kind of gets tricky trying to specify a difference between stand and mobile food truck or a car hop when they're serving prepared food and the produce vendors run a little bit different circumstance and not sure it's fair that we restrict them to the same...(Inaudible)

Jim: Maybe it's more we could say, as a whole food stand it would be a prepared food rather than... And the vegetable stands kind of fall under agriculture. And we have a section in the code that allows for farmer markets. So maybe that's where we'll put the food stands. (Inaudible) we'll put an offer in agriculture and any food that's prepared.

Eric: That seemed more appropriate.

(Inaudible due to multiple people talking at once)

Eric: They don't have water or not cooking.

Jim: And I'll just put a section in here that says, this is not pertain to farmer markets.

Bev: Yes.

Jim: The thing that I'd like to leave out of any kind of transit vendor or anything like that, is the people that come in, pull the car in and start selling stuff out of the back. I don't want to get into permitting those people to come in and set up, because they're to me, the fly by night stuff and you don't know who you're dealing with. Whereas like the balloon-a-fair, people come in and set up, its people that are from the community. But we had a guy who was driving around and just started selling rugs and stuff.

Bev: He sets up at Diamond Street a lot of times, at the bottom of the back roads. We chased him out of the township a few times.

Linda: And they're the ugliest rugs I've ever seen.

Eric: Doesn't the county require a driver's license of those people anyway?

Jim: Yes they do. And I've called the auditor's office a couple of times to let them know there's somebody set up there... And I don't know how to say it. I'm sure that they like anything else, are required by the county to have a vendor's license.

Jim: Anybody that's called me and said you know I'd like to set up a stand and sell flags and stuff. (Inaudible) Local Food unit is located on a lot with another principal structure. What that means is they just can't come in and set up on a vacant lot there has to be something else there,

some kind of business, some kind of other business they're the best way they can get food, or had water if they need the electric, and that kind of stuff.

Eric: This is out of Springfield's code?

Jim: Yes, (Inaudible) she was selling produce. She was like a farmer. There wasn't anything prepared that I know.

Linda: I mean she put a campfire there would cook for himself. That was it. Yeah.

Jim: The whole food unit does not block or block the entrance to or exit from the lot on which its located. The mobile food unit is not occupying required parking spaces. The mobile food unit is not blocking fire hydrants, fire lanes or other lawful signs and another business. The owner of the mobile food unit has an expressed, written permission of the owner of the property. And when we do permitting, we'll ask the vendor to sign and the property owner to sign, just to make sure. The mobile food unit serves only pedestrians and does not offer outdoor seating. This is the hours of operation for spring Hills: a mobile food unit operates between the hours of 10am and 10pm. I thought 10pm was a little late.

Bev: I knew that would be too late at night.

Jim: Okay, that's what I wrote down, is a question, do we all think that eight o'clock is fine?

Linda: Yes.

Jim: So, for the most part it's daylight hours.

Eric: I have a question about the outdoor seating consideration. Is this something that the food vendor itself furnishes or can you pull up near an area where there is an outdoor seating picnic table that is somebody else's? And he's serving the people that would sit?

Jim: Well, they can do that. That's if you want to allow them to have access to where the people would sit down, because then they'd have to provide some kind of trash pickup.

Eric: (Inaudible) has a food truck pull in and park on the street in front of them, and they're these kinds of tables with chairs and so forth that the library sets up, and some of the people that are walking buy a sandwich and come and sit at these tables.

Jim: Do you guys think that there should be seating allowed?

Bev: Well, not if the vendor himself puts it up.

Eric: Say, they pull into a park and there are picnic tables around, hikers walk around and somebody goes in, and they're not used tables, but the people are eating his food?

Jim: I don't see that problem because usually they have some kind of trash can around.

Eric: But the vendor itself is not, we're not permitting them to bring seating.

Jim: Yes. Mobile Food unit is licensed by Portage County Health. So they would have to, to get a permit from us, they would have to show a permit from the health department. The mobile food unit has to have proof of adequate insurance. And so, to get a thing from their insurance company that says that. The mobile food unit is in possession of a valid business license. You have to have permission from the County. The mobile food unit offers trash receptacles for customer use located, no more than 10 feet from the unit, so they have to stay pretty close to where the stand is located. No more than one sign, maybe displayed. And that sign may not exceed 16 square feet, which is four by four in the display area and have a maximum of two display faces.

Bev: So if they want to put up a sandwich board type thing they can do that but we have to limit, like what height they put it in so that they are putting it up to block driver's vision?

Jim: Yeah, yeah, if we limit it or put it down to two feet, we can we can regulate the height of a sign too.

Eric: Push them to be taller than their vehicle, the sign can't be on top of the vehicle or at least beneath the light of the vehicle.

Jim: I think most of them will take a form (Inaudible)

Eric: In most cases the vehicle itself was a sign.

Jim: The mobile food unit has no exterior light, or they cut off at eight and nine. The mobile food unit generates no excessive noise that is plainly audible at 25 feet, so no loud music or anything like that. And last but not least, the local fire unit is in compliance with the Ohio fire code and inspected by the fire department.

Eric: Seems pretty inclusive, I can't think of anything.

Bev: I can't either, I think with the changes we made, he can get it written up.

Jim: And that's all I have for the food trucks.

Bev: Jim did Gail never get a hold of you? Gail Camlica?

Jim: No. Oh actually (Inaudible) And we said it's up to the trustees, the last meeting about setting up a time with that. So what I'm going to do is just get a hold of the aide and tell her, these are the nights of the meetings, because Gail's in town now where they are working.

Jim: Oh okay, then I will call her at first thing in the morning.

Bev: I think she said she had to go to Columbus Monday for a special meeting but that was the only thing.

Eric: We need to do a resolution now?

Jim: Not yet.

Bev: Not until he has it typed up.

Jim: I'll get it all typed up and I'll have a page number and section and all of that, put in it. Next one is shooting ranges.

Bev: Which until they all have Ohio's code change we can't do anything.

Jim: Well, we can make it a conditionally permitted use. And I think I passed out the township stuff to you guys. And back in the very first page, in what they passed out, legal aid said that townships may exclusively allow for a shooting range as a conditional use under the zoning resolution. And the shooting range is defined as a facility, operating for the purpose of shooting with firearms or archery equipment whether publicly or privately owned, and whether or not operated for profit, including but not limited to commercial, shooting preserves and wild animal hunting preserves, establish pursuant to chapter in the Ohio revised code. A shooting range does not include the facility, owned or operated by a municipal corporation county, township police district or joint police district. And that's something in the ORC. So, the police shooting ranges are not regulated by, wouldn't be regulated by, the zoning board.

Bev: Hopefully they know what they're doing.

Jim: So, we can make that a conditional permitted use. Then, pages three of the handout, under the Administrative Code it lists things that can be included under requirements for the shooting range, and these requirements, pretty much follow the NRA's regulations, and noise sound levels cannot exceed 90 decibels or one out of 24 hours, or 85 decibels for a 24 hour. I'd hate to be the person that's going to try and try to measure that. So for the 24 hour period, you can't have an hour where it would exceed 90 decibels. And then four or 85 decibels for eight out of 24 hours so.

Bev: There's not that much difference there.

Eric: Oh no, as if things weren't complicated enough already.

Jim: There's a lawyer sitting someplace that are having a good time. Yeah. And they're probably sitting there having a cigar and scotch and you really working hard. They have that the hours of

operation are from 7am to 10pm daily so that Sunday through Saturday, is what it says substantial compliance with an NRA safety guidelines and implementation of the safety plan, and says the safety plan should include but not limited to, the follow up a description of the range that stipulates, when, why, and by whom and facilities used, a safety plan to be prominently posted. All Rangers should be made aware of the safety plan before firing. The safety plan should provide rules and should provide and manage the regulations into the categories of gun handling rules, general range rules specific range rules and administrative rules and regulations, and each category should contain but not limited to the following. There's nine gun handling rules, there is six general range rules. And there is six specific range rules. And then there is three administrative forms. So if we put them all into a section. They should pretty much cover ourselves, so that would include archery. So the people that have their bows and stuff like that would fall under this category. It did handle a call last week that wanted to know if we regulated axe throwing. And I told her, no, that we wouldn't even want to try. And there's nothing in the state at all about the extra stuff, most of the time it's done inside the facility. That's a recreational type thing. And she said there was somebody out in their backyard throwing axes, they had a party. She said it was kind of loud as well, you know, if it gets loud out of hand, you need to call the sheriff's department. She goes, well there was a sheriff's deputy, at the party. And I was like, Alright, I asked her how she knew and she said he was in uniform. So, we're not going to, I told her we weren't even going to try to get into something like that so yeah.

Bev: That would be the same as the knife throwing or something.

Jim: Give him a job in the car. Yeah. So that's the one I will type up. For the next week and then we can go over and put it in the code and then we'll take it to the trustees and Portage County Regional Planning and so we'll probably get it back within probably sometime in September we'll see it again.

Linda: Does it have to go through the prosecutor too? Everything we do?

Jim: Yes.

Eric: It's open to public comment all that, all during that process until the public comment elements is published.

Jim: Yes. But what we have to do is we have to have the trustees, the trustees have to have a specific public hearing for amendments like this. Yeah, so before one of their meetings at 630 in the evening. They'll advertise for the public meeting for the comments. And by then we'll already have that for regional planning. So it goes with the trustees, they have a public hearing. That comes if there's any changes or anything from what they send it back to you folks and then it goes back through the same process again if there's no problem if there's no changes, then we'll just go back through. They'll have another meeting where they can ratify it, print it up and put it in the resolution. So the food trucks and that they'll all be ready for next year. That's all I have. I can see some handouts all I was given temporary instruction because we don't have anything on that now. And we have that shipping containers are allowed so that pretty much covers at least the temporary structures.

Bev. And do we already have in place that if the house burns, they can have a trailer there?

Jim: Yes that's already in there. Because they did that we did that at Red bush, just north of plumbers lane, one time, like maybe three or four years ago. It happened just after we put it in the code. So that's all I have unless you folks have anything you need to bring up.

Bev: Can we have a motion for adjournment then?

Linda: I make a motion to adjourn.

Eric: I'll second that

R/C: Beth Kibler Yes, Linda Faltisco Yes, Eric Courtney. Yes, Bob Vair. Yes.
Adjourned.