

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
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LINDA FALTISCO, AND ERIC COURTNEY

Bev: I would like to call to order this meeting on August 18th, 2021 @ 7pm. Has everyone had a chance to read the minutes? Since we're short tonight, I will make a motion that we approve them as written.

Linda: I'll second that.

R/C: Yes.

Bev: Has everyone had time to look over these other two items? The two temporary structures? Well no we didn't do those did we?

Jim: We did the commercial events, and the event centers, and the food trucks.

Bev: I only have one question, Jim, I thought we had specified only so many times in a period that they could be somewhere?

Jim: We have talked about this.

Bev: And I know you took it to the other people after that so that.

Jim: I must have left that section out. There was some discussion on that and I needed to nail down what we felt was an appropriate number of times, they could do it, because we had talked about it you know somebody setting something up every day for a week or so, is that one occurrence, or is that seven occurrences?

Bev: Yeah and that's difficult to define, really.

Jim: Yes, yes. And we talked about so many times a year. I think we talked about four times a year. And then we thought, well, if we did it between the months that we've talked about. If you did it two times a month, you would be over that, that number. So, we didn't come up with a definitive number yet. That's what we can talk about tonight.

Bev: Okay, well, we can either do that or we can go with what we've got, because you can always amend later. If we come up with it. I really hate to keep pushing this stuff back because it still has a lot of steps to go through after this.

Jim: It does have a few.

Bev: I mean I will make a motion that we approve the food truck as written, at this point.

Linda: And I will second it.

Vote: Yes.

Bev: Thank you, and I move that we journalize it.

Vote: Yes.

Bev: Okay the commercial event centers then.

Jim: This was pretty much as we talked about and it's the same thing that Windham has.

Bob: How many crucial events, do we have around here this year? Normally.

Bev: I don't think Midway is having as many as they have, but they're still having quite a few out there.

Jim: Yes they are. And then the one big event we have is balloon-a-fair.

Bev: And my only other question there is, on the food vendor's there, does balloon-a-fair handle all that?

Jim: Yes the balloon-a-fair takes care of that.

Bev: Okay.

Jim: And the event centers was more or less, not necessarily a balloon affair, it was for people that have huge barns that they want to convert into party centers. So, yes, this is what, this is what this pertains to, because it has the parking, the health department requirements, and so this would pertain to an indoor, pretty much an indoor event that they would use a barn for.

Bev: Do we want to limit the times per month?

Jim: They have to get a permit if they have more than two events per year. Or more than 150 attendees at a single event. So every time they would do anything, they'd have to come back for a different permit.

Bev: Okay.

Jim: Because it also entails the fire department going out and doing inspections and all that so.

Bev: And probably the health department, because they're normally going to have to.

Jim: Yes.

Linda: Then the traffic control.

Jim: Yeah, that's all covered.

Jim: Because they ran into some issues up in Garrettsville with the old race track up there having events that had traffic backed up for miles.

Bev: I know I've been in kind of traffic jam.

Jim: Kind of like going to blossom, almost, or the Indians games.

Bob: "Portage County Health Department license" required who does the check in?

Jim: They would have to show us a valid Health Department license before they could do it, to get their permit, they would, yeah, they would have to show us but they would have to go to the health department and apply for the sanitation permit. And also they would have to have the health department, would have to approve their bathrooms, their waste if it's septic or sewer.

Bob: They have to check with the health department for this. Do they also come back to check with you about these things that they have to do, or they do they have information already that they have to give?

Jim: We will give them a checklist of what they have to do once we put the permitting process. We're going to make up, we're going to start working on checklists so that when somebody wants to build a building, we can hand them something and say, these are your requirements. It's on the back of the application, but nobody reads it. So we will give them one separate thing, just like with this, we would hand them and say here, this is what you need. Along with being able to have this and they would have a list we would hand them, and they can actually look at the check off.

Bev: Any other discussion? Do I have a motion to approve this?

Bob: I'll make a motion.

Linda: I'll second it.

Vote: Yes.

Bev: I move that we journalize it. Do I have a second?

Lind: I'll second it.

Vote: Yes.

Bev: Okay. That gets two of them out of your way.

Jim: Yes. That's all I have.

Bev: I know we talked about shooting ranges last time and there were just certain things you couldn't do because they aren't in the Ohio Revised Code.

Jim: Mm, I'm still working on that. I talked to, had a meeting with the prosecutor the other day and he said, put some language together and send it my way and I'll look at it to make sure there's nothing that goes against the code. Yeah. Okay, he said "you do realize", I said yep, I know. I know I'm treading on thin ground here so we'll see how far we go, and I assume that's what you're here for.

Maggie (Audience): Okay, I just wanted to see how far we got.

Jim: I'm going to put that together and send it to him next week, and see, and I'll see what he has to say.

(Inaudible due to loud A/C)

Bev: Yeah, one of our problems with what we had started talking about with the shooting ranges, is we found that unless it's in the Ohio Revised Code, we cannot put it into our language. So that's what Jim is trying to work around at this point.

Maggie: (Inaudible)

Bev: I mean it's crazy but yeah, that's kind of where we stand.

Maggie: (Inaudible) it's got to be a certain distance from another residence. I mean, these people don't care where they shoot at. I mean honestly they don't.

Bev: What they need to do is get some changes in the Ohio Revised Code which would help. And I looked after I talked to Gail the other day, I looked at the Ohio townships Association checklists for what they want to do for 21 and 22 Okay shooting ranges is one of the things that they have on their list. Okay, good. So great. That's another conversation I can have, yeah, yeah, yeah, she's very willing to say anything so she is very well and she wants to get some things done so, yeah.

Maggie: I mean that's my main our concern. I mean, because these people, I mean it's like here to not even to the vehicle away from the line of the property. Last time they did it, she had her knee surgery. My sister is out in Ireland, and they're shooting way up on chicken houses, straight down, and she was out there, And I wasn't worried about being calm. He called me a few choice names and I'm like, that could've ricocheted and hit my sister, that, you know, and we got, you know the neighborhood has kids.

Linda: So you can't forbid the kids from playing.

Maggie: There's nothing they use for the backstop, as a backstop. Okay to me, having rail road ties up with screws in, this big around, which can hit and bounce off.... it's not a backstop and then straight. If it was down a hill, it'd be a different story. This is not down over a hill, this is right there. Yeah. And you know you got an autistic child with other problems. They got him out there shooting the gun now. They got their nine year old kid out there shooting the gun now.

Linda: And the police can't do anything?

Bev: Not as long as the parents are there.

Linda: Right. Yeah.

Bev: Unfortunately. Gail has already sponsored and co-sponsored more bills in six months than Randy did the whole time she was there.

Jim: She told me how many bills she was working on.

Bev: She's worked on a couple since then that I know of.

Maggie: I'm not against shooting. I mean, we have our own, but it's down, way over the hill. And there's no longer around us. And the targets way down at the break.

Jim: But it shouldn't be. It shouldn't be like the backstop and that shouldn't be something that would ricochet off, right, it should be like dirt, sand, something like that, that absorbs a lot of that energy in that, because when the sheriff's department had their shooting range on Cleveland road next to our property. It was a huge sand bank that they have a big mound of sand that they had big targets, because that's where.....

Maggie: Exactly the railroad ties they got on a piece of plywood. But they got big metal bolts, or screws in there.

Bev: And they could shear off one of those screws and send it flying again.

Maggie: And now they're doing these little dinging targets. (Inaudible)

Jim: You have to be responsible when you have things like, yeah, he's got a gun, and you have to be responsible.

Maggie: Definitely. We even called because one of the last times they were shooting, the guy was drunk after school with a kid on the back of a four wheeler went up on 88, down through Phillipotts property because they can't get nowhere else because they have fencing all around, and they were shooting when they passed. These people just don't care. Now, and the sad part about it is she's a Kent bus driver.

Bev: I don't think I'd want her driving my kid.

Maggie: That's the scary part.

Jim: I think I've met this person before. Because the bus driver part that's that brings about (Inaudible due to multiple people talking)

Jim: Yeah, yeah. Oh definitely. I will work on that, I got to get that language started for Brett. Thank you.

Bev: Do we want to schedule another meeting?

Jim: That's up to you.

Bev: Do you think you can have something ready on the shooting range and send another month or no?

Jim: Probably not a month, probably two months probably by October. Yeah, well I want to see also where this goes with the state legislature on the shooting range because I'm sure that's going to be a hot topic, harder than the one I gave to Gale the other day.

Bev: So the third Wednesday, that would be like the 20th of October.

Jim: That will work.

Bev: Do I have motion to adjourn? Then I make a motion we adjourn.

Linda: I'll second that.

R/C.

Meeting adjourned.