

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

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

The Ravenna Township Board of Zoning Commission met on June 16th, 2021, Ravenna, Ohio. Chairman, Beverley Kibler brought the meeting to order at 7:00.

Beverley: Has everyone had a chance to go over the minutes?

Linda: Yes.

Bev: I have one correction for her, I'm the chairman, so this should be next to my name.

Chellynn: I will fix that, I used an old template from a long time ago so it had the wrong name.

Ruth: Yeah I haven't been chairman in a few years,

Bev: Does anyone have any other corrections?

Bob: Did we have a roll call?

Bev: Not yet. No other corrections? May I have a motion to approve?

Linda: I'm making a motion that we approve the minutes.

Bob: I second that.

R/C: (Everyone in attendance except for Eric Courtney)

Bev: Okay Jim, what do you want to handle first?

Jim: We have been getting a lot of inquiries about food trucks, we have food trucks showing up again. One of the things I wanted to tackle tonight is food trucks. And on shooting ranges, we had a meeting with the Sherriff on Friday, and there are no regulations on shooting ranges in the state of Ohio. And that came from Vick. He said the Ohio revised code does not have regulations on shooting ranges. All it says is that your bullets should not leave your property. He said as far as back stops and stuff like that, there are no regulations. He said they go by the NRA's guidelines.

Bev: Maybe we'll be the first ones to put regulations on them then.

Jim: We can only put what the Ohio revised code allows us. And as long as there isn't something there, we can't. So I suggested to the people that complained, is to get ahold of the state representative and tell them we need these regulations now. They need to put something on the books.

Bev: Well' I'll see Gail Monday night.

Jim: And Gail is one of the people I wanted to talk to because a lot of the Ohio revised code that pertains to the townships, those laws are very old. We would also like to do rental registrations. The city of Ravenna has rental registration and inspections for apartments and housing and the township does not. The state of Ohio doesn't mention it, therefor we cannot do it. So, when someone goes to put substandard housing in Ravenna and finds out there are regulations, they come to the township because we have none. That's why we have a lot of difficult landlords and out of state landlords.

Bev: Write down the number you want her to call, and I will tell her Monday night to call.

Jim: This was something I started working on with Randy Klitz and it didn't go anywhere.

Bev: Well she's the one to see.

Jim: I've noticed that she'd spent a lot of time working on issues around here.

Bev: Like O DOT, and she's doing a lot of mental health issues because she's a psychiatrist.

(Inaudible)

Jim: And I need to talk to someone that wants to cover all bases, like Randy was only trying to cover insurances and no one was trying to look into the township's issues. That's one of the reasons I want to be trustee so that I can help move that stuff along. But that's it on the shooting ranges. I don't know where to go on that other than to wait and see what we can do. Get the state to do.

Linda: Maybe we can get the state to do that about the guy up there.

Jim: Well that's more to do with the health department and local stuff like that. It takes so long since the courts are backed up and they're going to move the criminal cases before they move the civil cases. It takes a long time, but I can't figure out why the health department couldn't do something.

Linda: Yeah that doesn't make sense.

Jim: Up until this year, they had done stuff like that but maybe they were so busy with the pandemic, but they have separate departments so I'm not sure. But on the food trucks, there is some regulations regarding food trucks, Plain Township is transient vender, which it takes into account the people that go door to door as well as people setting up shop, this other one, this is Springfield township near Columbus, it covers food trucks real good.

Bev: I'm seeing a lot of them anymore it seems like.

Jim: Yes, and that's because of everything that went on last year and there was a low amount of fairs, all these people in the summer time count on having food truck income, so there looking for places to set up.

Bev: Up by that one place (inaudible)

Jim: I haven't been able to catch them yet.

Linda: You could have the health department come in and check.

Jim: The health department especially because they're supposed to issue them a license to be able to do that.

Bev: On one of the corners up there tonight, there's a guy barbecuing.

Jim: That's in the city.

Bev: Oh okay.

Jim: I saw them setting up this morning when I came to work. It smelled really good too.

Bev: There was that fellow up here that always set up by the church.

Jim: He had trouble with us and he had trouble with the health department too. And the person that sat up across the street, had trouble with us and the health department.

Linda: I know that one guy was always there.

Jim: He's kind of got a permanent spot and he's there seasonally and I think he owns the property or he rents it from someone.

Linda: People line up for his stuff.

(Inaudible)

Bob: Yeah he's been there for a while.

Bev: Yeah.

Jim: So the first two pages on food trucks is an overview. It gives an idea of what rules they have to follow and starting on page 33, it's the specifics of what they can do.

Bob: I wonder if there's going to be a Balloon-a-fair this year.

Bev: There's supposed to be.

Jim: Yes.

Bev: The only one I know of that's been canceled is Kent's.

Jim: Oh.

Linda: The heritage festival? They're having a small one but they're not having any outside vendors.

(Inaudible)

Bob: Do they have to have a permit? The food vendors?

Linda: Yes.

Jim: Yes they do, and they're inspected by the health department and the fire department and they operate under the permit that's taken out of the city.

(Inaudible)

Jim: We've never had a problem here in the township and I don't think the city has either. The only problem now is getting people to volunteer for it.

Bev: That's the way every organization is.

(Inaudible)

Jim: So go ahead and read over that section and see what you'd like to put down for us. And we will add it. My thought is to add it to chapter 6, because it takes in all zoning districts. And just add another section to the back for food trucks. We re-did the zoning resolution so that we can just add on to each chapter in the back and the new will have to go through the trustees who will hold a hearing and then a public hearing and then if there's nothing that comes back the nit goes in the zoning book.

Ruth: I think we definitely need to put in a timeline (inaudible)

Jim: Yes.

Bev: Has Midway been doing a lot of fireworks again?

Jim: Not as much as last year. They haven't had as many as last year. They've done fireworks four times this year and that's a quarter of what they did last year.

Bev: Well they haven't had to do the graduation this year.

Ruth: Oh yeah, that.

Jim: But I think they're going to do more and more with company picnics.

Linda: One night they had a sign out welcoming some group and I'm thinking its Friday night, they should have had a movie. They must be making more money by hosting the groups than playing movies.

Jim: I think they are.

Bob: That's the one that's been having fireworks until 10 o'clock at night?

Jim: Yes, we told them that they had to be done by 11pm.

Bev: And the fire department checks them out.

Jim: Yes, in fact, the fire inspector has to be there when they shoot. They have to inspect them before they shoot them and when they shoot them.

Bob: (inaudible)

Jim: Yes, American Fireworks out of Hudson.

Linda: I know them.

Jim: They're the ones that do the fireworks for Progressive field.

Linda: I know them.

Bev: They do the Rubber Ducks too.

Jim: Yes, they're probably the oldest and most trust worthy company that does fireworks.

Linda: They put on some nice shows.

Jim: They do.

(Inaudible)

Jim: I have to go up to my second floor to see them.

Bev: We have so many trees, we don't have a clear view but I can hear them.

Jim: They're about to change the fireworks laws in the state of Ohio, where it's not illegal anymore to have your own but there's commercial grade and then there's consumer.

(Inaudible)

Jim: They're going to allow you to buy them and shoot them but there will be a tax and some of it will go back to the fire departments.

Bob: (Inaudible)

(Inaudible)

Linda: No we went to Lake Erie and they shot them off, it was wonderful.

Bob: (Inaudible) restrictions on them?

Jim: No.

Linda: (Inaudible)

Jim: So that's what I got on food truck, and the page for Plain Township, they get into the door to door food salesmen, and registrations and ID's and we've had people call here and ask if we have a transient registration but I think in the last five years, we've gotten one call. I tell people if they have their ID, that's okay. We don't have any registration requirements.

Bev: Yeah we don't see too many door to door sales people.

Jim: My wife is very happy about that because of the vacuum cleaner salesmen I tend to buy vacuums from. That's all I have on the food trucks and the shootings ranges.

Linda: You haven't heard anything from the people that were here last time?

Jim: No I haven't heard anything.

Linda: They probably settled it because I haven't heard anything from the sheriff's department. The arsenal was supposed to have (Inaudible) we only had one.

Jim: We were supposed to have a few. We'll hear a lot more of that during the summer.

Linda: I enjoy that, I know where it's coming from. These others, letting off their fireworks and everything...

Bev: They'll probably do a lot more if they do their training sessions out there.

(Inaudible)

Jim: That's the nice thing about it, they're very conscientious about letting the paper know when they're doing it.

Linda: That's good.

Jim: That's all I have, unless you guys have any questions. To update you on the storage place out here, the front building had been sold. The guy that owns the storage units in the back, has bought the front building. If you happen to drive passed, Ted has a little sign out, he having an auction.

Linda: I saw that, I was thinking he was selling whatever was in a unit that hasn't been paid.

Jim: No, it's his stuff because I talked to the buyer and he said that Ted has signed a contract to sign.

Bev: So who owns that sign?

Jim: The buyer will own the electric sign out front. I would assume that before they close, Ted is going to do anything and everything with that sign.

Ruth: (Inaudible)

(Inaudible)

Jim: What that's going to become is inside storage with self-controlled climate, so if you have things that need to be kept cold, you can store it there. Such as fine clothes and things like that.

Ruth: The front part is also going to be storage?

Jim: Yes. He's going to keep the existing building and keep the storage inside.

Bob: Inside the building out front?

Jim: Yes.

Bob: (Inaudible) small businesses in there to begin with.

Bev: He was originally going to sell the stuff inside units that had not paid their bills and at one time, his niece was supposed to have beauty shop in it, but that was 7 years ago.

Bob: (Inaudible)

Jim: I have no idea.

Bob: (Inaudible)

Bev: The storm did a pretty good job on that.

Jim: Knowing Ted, he probably didn't have insurance. The buyer said that Ted is out of money, he's broke.

Bev: (Inaudible)

Jim: This guy is out of Columbus and he runs an investment group that does things like mini storage.

Bev: She gets really good deals because she handles a lot of the paperwork.

Jim: Ah. Okay. And the Board of Zoning Appeals approved Doug Mcgee to use both land parcels for multi-family housing.

Bev: Wasn't it one time owned by the people that own Mimi's?

Jim: Yes, the Gilettos. They were supposed to build partisan. They started it but then they quit. So that maybe coming within the next year. He has to come back before the board for site plan approval but they gave him approval for duplexes for middle class seniors.

Bev: So it'll be a quieter type area.

Jim: Yes. That's pretty much everything we're working on.

Bev: Do we want to set up another meeting to do more with this food truck?

Jim: I think we should. Pick out pieces and parts of what you want out of that and we can start adding it to the zoning code.

(Fire Dispatch over speaker)

(Inaudible)

Jim: A lot of people think they're going to get in trouble for that.

Bev: He was going out to burn brush another day and I said don't you dare.

Jim: So the third Wednesday in July? Which would be the 21st?

Bev: Yes.

Ruth: Will you see that Eric gets this so he has time to look over too?

Jim: Yes I will.

Bev: I make a motion that we adjourn.

Linda: I second that.

(R/C)

Meeting adjourned.

