

**Parkman Township Zoning Commission**  
**July 26, 2023 Meeting**

**Zoning Commission Members Present:** Don Gatrell, Len Hall, Jerry Jacobs, and Jan Helt  
(secretary)

**Not Present:** Al Weaver and Norm Yoder

**Others Present:** Henry Duchscherer

The meeting was called to order at **7:00pm** by **Mr. Gatrell** and seconded by **Mr. Hall**.

**Mr. Jacobs** made a motion to approve minutes for February 22, 2023 seconded by Mr. Hall.

**Mr. Gatrell** stated that Dave Dietrich got in touch with him about different townships like Huntsbur etc., addressing solar panels and windmills. Mr. Dietrich suggested we proceed and do the same.

**Mr. Hall** asked about allowing panels in the front yard suggested by John Augustine at our last meeting we had on solar panels he was also concerned about the visual impacts to our community.

**Mr. Gatrell** said we would have rules and regulations as to where to put the panels. They would be allowed on side yards and back yards, no front yard.

**Mr. Gatrell** stated if someone wants to put up a utility-scale energy facility they would have to go to the BZA for a variance.

**Mr. Gatrell** said Mr. Dietrich stated the following:

Article 1, General Provisions, Section 104.0(F) Powers Not Conferred by Chapter 519 of the Ohio revised Code or this Resolution. See Attached.

**Mr. Dietrich** told **Mr. Gatrell** that a Major utility facility includes a large wind farm and a large solar facility. A large wind farm and a large solar facility have the same meanings as in O.R.C. Section 4906.01.

**Mr. Gatrell** wasn't sure whether there was a study for this area as to whether wind and solar would be feasible considering the amount of land available.

**Mr. Gatrell** also stated that the gentlemen who put the panels in at the community house said they are here for at least 25 to 30 years if they are close to a sub-station, 550 to 600 put out 4x8 sheets.

**Mr. Hall** said Kents State has them on most of their campuses.

**Mr. Jacobs** said southern Ohio has a lot more open spaces and big farms transitioning to solar panels, 320 mega-watts 4,000 acre lots. It's all about the money.

**Mr. Hall** made a motion to initiate amendment 2023-01 to Parkman Township Zoning Resolutions seconded by Mr. Jacobs.

**Mr. Gatrell** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at **Mr. Hall** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Helt \_\_\_\_\_  
Parkman Township Zoning Commission Secretary

Don Gatrell \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson