

**Parkman Township Zoning Commission
January 24, 2024, Meeting**

Zoning Commission Members Present: Don Gatrell, Len Hall, Jerry Jacobs, Norm Yoder, Al Weaver. and Jan Helt (Secretary)

Not Present:

The meeting was called to order at **7:00pm.** by **Mr. Gatrell.** (Chairman)

A motion was made by **Mr. Hall** and seconded by **Mr. Yoder** to approve the minutes of the **October 2023** meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: there was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don Gatrell stated first order of business was to elect a chairperson for 2024. Mr. Jacobs stated that Mr. Gatrell is doing an excellent job, and we should elect him for another year. The vote was unanimous Don Gatrell will be our chairperson for 2024. Mr. Weaver nominated Mr. Hall as the co-chair for 2024, again the vote was unanimous. Mr. Gatrell will be our Chairperson and Mr. Hall will be our Co-Chairperson for 2024.

Mr. Gatrell stated we will be discussing B & B and Air B & B. Mr. Gatrell stated that at this time House Bill 563 restricts local governments from prohibiting short-term rental properties within their community It also prohibits a local government from regulating short-term rental properties, specifically the number, duration, or frequency of rental periods. This usurps township zoning regulations that may be put into place regarding these uses. It's important to note that zoning itself is a collaborative process with community and must be approved by residents.

Mr. Gatrell stated that this is not a law yet, it has not been voted on. At this time there is no point in a resolution that could be upended by this bill.

Mr. Gatrell said the there are some things we can do like:

1. Safety aspect
2. Entry and exits.

Mr. Hall stated that most Air B & B's have their own restrictions. Also, VRBO (vacation rentals by owner) are self- policing. They have their own rules and regulations.

Mr. Gatrell asked if anyone had heard of any problems with the three Air B & Bs located in Parkman. We have not heard about any issues currently.

Issue # 2 is Medical Marijuana:

Here is what we have now 401.0 (L) Medical Marijuana cultivator, processors, or retail dispensaries shall be prohibited in accordance with O.R.C. Section 519.21

Mr. Dietrich said based upon how pertinent ORC sections have been written, it doesn't appear that any amendments to existing zoning regulation need to be made.

1. The medical marijuana provisions have remained in the ORC as the township has them in current zoning regulation.
2. The adult use (recreational) Marijuana ORC provisions in the recently passed law are treated differently than the medical land since the BOT adopted the prohibition resolution no zoning regulations or definitions need to be enacted.
3. So, Parkman township is fully covered regarding prohibitions on both medical and recreational marijuana sales dispensaries, cultivation and processing.

Mr. Jacobs presented the board with paperwork on Air B & B House Bill 563. Any violations they are ripped off the list.

Mr. Hall brought up some issues with on Reynolds Road and 422 junk trucks on property it's a real eyesore. It needs to be reported to Mr. Spelich our Zoning Inspector, he will check it out.

Mr. Gatrell told everyone we will be meeting 4 times a year now January, April, July and October.

We will put B & B on the agenda for the next time we meet,

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at **8:00 PM**. **Mr. Yoder** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Helt _____
Parkman Township Zoning Commission Secretary

Don Gatrell _____
Chairperson