

Franklin Township, Portage County
Zoning Commission Hearing
October 18, 2018

Members Present: Chair Mary Organ, Judy Spencer, Mike McClure, Frankie Tadsen, and Alternate Mekal Banyasz.

Mrs. Organ asked that Mrs. Mullet be excused.

Others: Joseph Ciccozzi, Assistant Zoning Inspector; Jenny August, Administrative Assistant. Alternate Doug Hiestand observed in audience.

Call to Order: Mrs. Organ called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes:

Mrs. Spencer moved to accept the minutes as presented from the September 20, 2018 meeting. Ms. Banyasz seconded. Those in attendance voted yes except Mr. McClure and Mrs. Tadsen who abstained. The minutes were approved as presented.

Discussion Topics:

Definition of a Structure

Mrs. Organ provided the Commission with examples of the definition of a structure from several other communities. After discussion, the Commission recommended the following:

Structure:

Anything, constructed or erected, more than 10 square feet, the use of which requires location on the ground, or attachment to something having a fixed location on the ground. Among other things, structures include but are not limited to roads, buildings, walls, fences, billboards, signs, mobile/manufactured homes, swimming pools, sheds, garages, basketball courts, tennis courts, carports/garage in a box, and decks.

Homeless Shelters

Mrs. Organ said that the City of Kent calls them "Temporary Shelters", which we already have a definition for. This will be discussed further in November.

Skill Games

Ms. Banyasz had some follow up information from last months meeting. She was able to find out that a person absolutely does win cash money. As they are playing, they win vouchers which are traded for cash. Mr. Ciccozzi said he has heard of some people that purchase a type of gift card upon arrival that they use to participate.

Mrs. Spencer said that she looked at the Ohio Municipal League website and found a few other communities that have sample legislation for skill games, but they are mostly allowing game rooms or amusement centers which are conditionally permitted.

Future Topics for Discussion:

In November the Commission will work on setbacks for accessory buildings, medical marijuana, and more on homeless shelters.

Adjournment: Mrs. Tadsen moved to adjourn at 8:52 with a second from Ms. Banyasz. All Commission members voted yes.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny August, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Mary Organ, Zoning Commission Chair