

**Zoning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 31, 2017**

**I. Call to order**

John Steinberger called to order the meeting of the Mad River Township Zoning Board at 7:08 p.m. on May 31, 2017 in the Mad River Township Hall.

**II. Roll call**

John Steinberger conducted a roll call. The following board members were present: John Steinberger, Karen Bailey, Neil Stevens and Gerald Blair were present.

Guests present at this hearing were Brad Bodenmiller form L.U.C., Bob Purk Mad River Township Zoning Inspector, and David Riley, Mad River Township Trustee.

**III. Minutes**

Secretary Karen Bailey submitted the minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting for approval. Gerald Blair made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, and Neil Stevens seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

**IV. Old Business**

John Steinberger turned the hearing over to Brad Bodenmiller to discuss the changes of the draft of the **Zoning Resolution of the Township of Mad River, Champaign County, Ohio.**

Based on requests from the trustees, the Board reviewed the following code sections:

Article XII, Section 1202, line 1

There is concern that the existing code section did not include language that would limit the amount of time a message on a lit sign would be displayed without changing.

The Board looked to other local zoning (i.e., Springfield and Urbana) for insight. After discussion, the time limit with which a message on a lit sign should be unchanging was determined to be a minimum of 8 seconds.

Article XII, Section 1211, line 1

There is concern that the existing code section is too small in size to accommodate some of the newer lit signs.

After discussion, the Board determined that the size limit should be changed from fifteen (15) square feet to twenty-four (24) square foot.

Article XII, Section 1211, line 2

There is concern that the existing code section should include an additional definition.

After discussion, the Board determined that the height and length of a sign should not exceed eight (8) feet in height and ten (10) feet in width.

Gerald Blair made a motion to accept the amendments and additional definition made to sections 1202 and 1211, Neil Stevens seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

The Board was asked by the trustees to review the following portions of the Zoning Resolution:

***Permanently-Sited Manufactured Housing on page 9, sections d and e.*** The concerns were addressed in the previous zoning regulation approved by the Trustees. Determination by the Board was no changed needed at this time, leave as is.

***Home Occupation on page 12.*** After some discussion, it was determined more information was required. Brad Bodenmiller agreed to research the definition of “home occupation”.

***Pools on page 53, Section 1002 item 3.*** The suggestion was to allow Electronic pool cover and not require a fence around a pool. The determination by the Board was this could be a potential safety risk to small children if the cover was open and the pool was unattended for any period of time. Determination by the Board was no change was needed at this time, leave as is.

***Home occupation on page 64 section 1060.*** After some discussion, it was determined that more information was required. Brad Bodenmiller agreed to research the definition of “home occupation”.

***Typo on page 71 section 1250:*** Ohio Revised Code 5316 should be 5516. Gerald Blair made a motion to correct the typo from 5316 to 5516, Neil Stevens seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **VII. New Business**

The Board focused on the issue of incorporating the recent action on Medical Marijuana that the trustees voted to on by the trustees. Gerald Blair mad a motion to include the action as part of the Zoning, Neil Stevens seconded the motion. It was voted to be included in the Zoning by unanimous vote.

Meeting dates were set for June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss “Home Occupation” and July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for the hearing if the Board approves the revised zoning.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Neil Stevens made a motion to adjourn, Gerald Blair seconded the motion. The hearing was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen T. Bailey, Secretary of the Mad River Township Zoning Board.