

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Meeting

## MEETING

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Thursday, September 12, 2019 20  
7:00 p.m.

Chairman B. Dubiel opened the Meeting of the Madison Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7:05 p.m., with the following people present: Mr. E. Francis, Ms. L. Diak, Mr. R. Glover, and Chairman B. Dubiel. Mr. T. Sill was absent. Mr. F. Walland was present as Zoning Inspector and Mrs. M. Howell.

Mr. Walland offered to postpone the hearing since one Board member was absent. Mr. McLean stated that he would like to proceed with the hearing this evening.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2019 Meeting was presented by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Glover.

Roll call: All "Ayes."

Mr. Walland informed those in attendance that tonight's Public Hearing is for Conditional Use Permit #19-002 for the Lake County Rod & Gun Club. He stated for the record that Mr. Douglas McLean, President of L.C.R.G.C., on behalf of the Club, is requesting the CUP for a Shooting Range to be located at 6578 Ford Rd., Permanent Parcel #01-A-045-0-00-003-0, which is zoned A-R, Agricultural Residential. He further stated that Section 142.4.5.25 of the Madison Township Zoning Resolution of 1957 allows for a Shooting Range, with conditions, as a CUP in an A-R Zoning District.

Mr. Walland informed those in attendance that the neighbor/owner letters were mailed on August 23, 2019 and the Hearing was advertised in The News-Herald Legal Section on August 23, 2019.

He stated for the record that the parcel is located along the east side of E. Loveland Rd., and that Urbandale Gun Club Shooting Range is located across the street from the proposed Shooting Range.

Mr. Walland also stated that he had one (1) phone call this afternoon from a resident, just inquiring about the hearing and that resident did not comment for or against the CUP for a Shooting Range.

Chairman Dubiel administered the Oath of Accuracy to any member in attendance who wished to speak during the hearing.

Mr. Walland invited Mr. McLean to the podium to provide additional information for the hearing.

Mr. Douglas McLean, 6899 Ledge Rd., Thompson, OH 44086.

Mr. McLean gave a brief overview history about The Lake County Rod & Gun Club. He informed those in attendance that the gun club was incorporated April 29, 1949 and it is considered a Conservation Club by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and has 501(c)(7) status issued by the IRS as a not-for-profit organization. He also stated that there are approximately three hundred (300) members. Mr. McLean informed those in attendance that Lake County Rod & Gun Club currently owns 355 acres on seven (7) adjoining properties. He also informed everyone in attendance that the Club features three (3) manmade bodies of water, a 24-site campground (licensed by the state of Ohio), hiking trails, rifle, pistol, and shotgun/trap ranges, an archery range and a 3D archery course/trail, a picnic pavilion, and an equipment storage building.

Mr. McLean stated that the current shooting range is located in a valley, which allowed for a good backstop for the projectiles. He added that it has recently been determined that the current location has three (3) major problems:

1. In the deep valley, the ranges are inaccessible to many of the Club's members, especially seniors, in winter or muddy conditions,
2. As the ranges are currently configured, they offer minimal side protection and stray projectiles could present safety issues to others in the vicinity of the ranges, yet beyond the target areas, and

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- 3. The current rifle and pistol ranges overlap portions of the recently developed 3D archery course/trail. He added that for the safety of all, this prevents usage of the rifle and pistol ranges during organized 3D archery events, and prevents the casual use (practice) of the archery course/trail by an archer while active shooting is occurring on the rifle and/or pistol range(s).

Mr. McLean stated that because of these issues, the Club proposes to relocate the rifle and pistol ranges to Permanent Parcel #01-A-045-0-00-003-0. He informed those in attendance that the Shooting Range proposal would include a rifle range with four (4) shooting stations, a pistol range with eight (8) shooting stations, the ranges would be oriented to shoot in a northerly direction, earth mounds/berms on all sides of each range, rifle and pistol, meeting sound, vision, and bullet containment in accordance with practices established by the National Rifle Association (NRA) and recommended by the ODNR, vegetation to assist in sound containment to the east and the south of the area (toward nearby residences), roof/vision structures over the shooting stations to promote safe shooting practices, a gated gravel drive and parking area for fifteen (15) vehicles, trail cameras to record authorized and unauthorized use, as well as, safe vs unsafe practices, and users will be required to sign in and out.

Mr. McLean also added that the Club will do everything reasonably possible to minimize noise and the possibility of stray projectiles.

Mr. Francis asked Mr. McLean if the Club would be willing to have hours from Noon to 9 p.m. for the Shooting Range on Sunday, hoping to minimize the noise that could impact local church services within the area. Mr. McLean stated that the hours for Sunday could be changed to Noon to 9 p.m.

Chairman Dubiel asked if there were any further questions from the Board and if there was anyone else who wished to speak regarding this variance request. No further questions or comments.

Mr. Walland asked the Board members to vote on Conditional Use Permit #19-002.

Mr. Glover: Yes                      Ms. Diak: Yes  
 Mr. Francis: Yes                      Chairman Dubiel: Yes

The Board members voted and unanimously approved CUP #19-002, for a Shooting Range for Mr. Douglas McLean, Lake County Rod and Gun Club, to be located at 6578 Ford Road, Permanent Parcel #01-A-045-0-00-003-0.

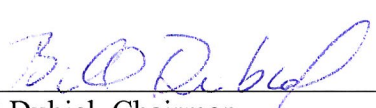
Mrs. Howell informed Mr. McLean that Mr. Walland will need to physically check the Shooting Range when it is completed. She also informed Mr. McLean and the Lake County Rod & Gun Club Board Members, present at the meeting, that a letter will be mailed to Mr. McLean indicating that their Conditional Use Permit was approved and that when the minutes from this meeting are approved and signed, they will receive a copy of the minutes for their records.

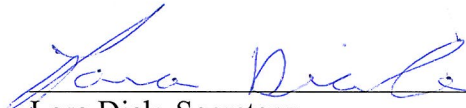
A motion to close the Public Hearing was presented by Mr. Francis, seconded by Ms. Diak.

There being no further matters before the Board, a motion was presented by Mr. Glover to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Francis.

Roll call: All "Ayes."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27p.m.

  
 Bill Dubiel, Chairman

  
 Lora Diak, Secretary