

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MADISON TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-8338 FORM NO. 10148

Monday, May 9, 2022

Held

7:00pm

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The Madison Township Zoning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Hyrne, with the following people present: Mr. R. Rothlisberger, Mr. J. Hyrne, Mr. J. Witt, Mr. R. Diak, and Ms. A. Wisniowski. Mrs. M. Howell, Zoning Inspector, and Mr. M. Ungers, Assistant Zoning Inspector, were also present.

Chairman Hyrne requested a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022 Meeting.

A motion was presented by Mr. Witt to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022 Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rothlisberger.

Roll Call: Mr. Rothlisberger: Yes Mr. Hyrne: Yes
Mr. Witt: Yes Mr. Diak: Yes

Ms. Wisniowski abstained due to the fact that she was absent from the April 11, 2022 Meeting.

Chairman Hyrne opened the Continued Public Hearing for the proposed text amendments for a Shooting Training Center. Mr. Hyrne reminded those in attendance that when speaking they need to address the Board and must stay focused on the topic.

Mrs. Howell stated for the record that the Continued Public Hearing is for proposed text amendments to Sections 101, 105, and 142 of the Madison Township Zoning Resolution for a Shooting Training Center as a permitted Conditional Use in the AR, Agricultural Residential Zoning District. She informed those in attendance that Mr. Neil Harrison submitted an application for the text amendment, and that he is proposing language for a Conditional Use Permit for a Shooting Training Center. She added that Mr. Harrison currently operates C-4 Shooting & Training Center (Urbandale Gun Club), located at 6347 E. Loveland Road.

Mrs. Howell stated for the record that the Lake County Planning Commission met on February 22, 2022 and provided their recommendations for the proposed text amendments, which were read at the March 14, 2022 Meeting. She informed those in attendance that the March 14, 2022 Public Hearing was continued to April 11, 2022 and to May 9, 2022. Mrs. Howell stated that the Zoning Office received a letter April 27, 2022 from Ms. Shannon Kriegmont, 5740 Ford Rd., stating that she is opposed to the proposed text amendment, and an email on May 9, 2022 from Mr. Robert Baird, 6679 River Rd., stating that he is not in favor of the zoning change.

Mr. Robert Shearer, 5365 W. Loveland Rd., Madison, OH.

Mr. Shearer addressed the Zoning Commission (ZC) and asked at what point was C4 allowed to shoot semi-automatic weapons on a property that is considered legal nonconforming for trap and skeet shooting only.

Ms. Tammy Gabor, 6023 Ford Rd., Madison, OH.

Ms. Gabor stated to the Board that residents have to follow regulations in order to build on their parcels and C4 seemed to be expanding before they obtained permits. She asked the Board if they have considered safety issues, environmental issues, and many other issues that will have a significant effect on the neighborhood. Ms. Gabor stated that many citizens that reside south of the Grand River in Madison Township happily put up with the lack of amenities available to them for all the benefits rural living brings them, but the expansion of this business is not acceptable. She informed the Board that C4's lack of concern for citizens concern is a concern in itself. She stated to the Board that they have a unique opportunity to protect the citizens from a future accident.

Ms. Marje Shook, 7711 Ross Rd., Madison, OH.

Ms. Shook informed the Board that just by looking at the original words of the original Zoning Resolution she feels C4 should not be allowed to operate as they do. She stated that she does not approve of the language regarding 50 acres or more in South Madison being allowed to become a shooting business.

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Mr. Ken Moore, 6335 Chestnut St., Concord, OH.

Mr. Moore addressed the Board and explained many different technical problems with what C4 is currently doing on their ranges. He voiced his disappointment with the communication from the Zoning Department to citizens on the subject at hand. Mr. Moore expressed his disapproval of Mr. Harrison and his comments directed at citizens who are concerned with what C4 is doing.

Mrs. Irena Kenneley, 6266 Ford Rd., Madison, OH.

Mrs. Kenneley informed the Board that she had researched specific job descriptions and expressed her disapproval with the Zoning Departments performance and answers that were given to her.

Mr. Troy Hager, 6697 River Rd., Madison, OH.

Mr. Hager informed the Board that he has had a lifetime of experience around firearms and ranges and has serious concerns with the lack of safety taken at C4 and even more concern with the kind of ranges they want to pursue constructing.

Mrs. Deedi Sisson, 6579 Ford Rd., Madison, OH.

Mrs. Sisson recited many statements, rules and definitions she felt C4 was not in compliance with. She provided photographs for the Board, summarized what they depicted and pointed out safety issues in the images. She stated many examples and quoted many stories and accounts from others in the community, others in that line of work, and having to do with the environment.

Ms. Kolleen Ransom, 5312 S. Madison Rd., Madison, OH.

Mrs. Ransom informed the Board that she lives near C4 and agreed with the rest of the citizens that spoke against C4. She provided an audio recording of the noise produced from C4 Shooting Center and played it for the Board to hear. She asked the Board that they please take into consideration how the noise negatively effects the community.

Mr. Neil Harrison, 29948 Regent Rd., Wickliffe, OH.

Mr. Harrison informed the Board that a photo presented earlier described as evidence to unsafe behavior on C4 property actually showed safe behavior as the man in the photograph was in fact behind the proper firing line it was only the angle of the photograph that suggested otherwise. He asked the Board if they were going to vote on the exact language that was proposed or if they were going to address specific amendments. Mr. Harrison made everyone aware that they did pull all applicable permits with Madison Township and Lake County. He reminded the Board that the operational hours for C4 suggested in their text changes came directly from what was already stated in the Madison Township Zoning Resolution for Shooting Ranges. Mr. Harrison stated that Bob Diak came and visited the property and asked the Board if they had any other questions.

Chairman Hyrne asked if there were any additional comments. With no further comments a motion was presented by Mr. Rothlisberger to close the the Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Wisniowski.

Roll Call: Mr. Rothlisberger: Yes Mr. Hyrne: Yes
 Mr. Witt: Yes Mr. Diak: Yes Ms. Wisniowski: Yes

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:04pm.

Chairman Hyrne requested a motion to make a recommendation to the Madison Township Board of Trustees not to approve the text amendments, as submitted by Mr. Harrison.

A motion was presented by Mr. Rothlisberger to recommend to the Madison Township Board of Trustees not to approve the proposed text changes as submitted.

Roll Call: Mr. Rothlisberger: Yes Mr. Hyrne: Yes
 Mr. Witt: Yes Mr. Diak: Yes Ms. Wisniowski: Yes

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Chairman Hyrne asked if there was any old or new business. Mrs. Howell stated that she had no additional information for the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 8:05pm was presented by Mr. Rothlisberger, seconded by Mr. Witt.

Roll call: All "Ayes."



Jeff Hyrne, Chairman



John Witt, Secretary

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