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The Ravenna Township Board of Zoning Appeals met August 12, 2015 at 7:00 at the Ravenna Township Trustee meeting room at 6115 S. Spring St., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

Chairman, Jeff Gaynor brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. R/C: Jeff Gaynor, Remy Arness, Dorothy Griffiths, Gary Long, and Claire Moore. Record will show that we have a quorum.

No Old Business.

New Business we have a variance request 2015 BZA 07 requesting a variance for the Moose Lodge #1234 at 5727 St. Rt. 14, Ravenna, Ohio to add 45 camp sites to their 118 acres with at least 70 acres usable.

Jeff: Would the applicant come forward please, want to remind everybody that we are only recording people to the microphone here, comments from the back of the room don't come through and are disruptive and will not be recorded. Thank you. State your name and address for the records please.

Kenny Roosa, 4917 Greenwood Road, Rootstown.

Jeff: I'm sorry I'm supposed to swear you in first. Do you promise that the statements that you are about to make before the Board are the truth?

Kenny: Yes

Jeff: Thank you, the nature of your request is to build a camp ground basically on this property owned by the Moose Lodge. A brief over view of how you are going to go about that sort of thing.

Kenny: We are going to put it on the far side of our drive as your come in there'll be complete access we are going to put in 45 sites over here for camping and it will be, we want to try to get on the Moose camping register, because the Moose lodges have other, any Moose member can come and camp, if they are traveling, we have people that come from Florida back to Ohio back and forth and they can come and camp.

Jeff: This is route 14 is that accurate? (points to the map)

Kenny: Yes

Jeff: Thank you. So, give me an idea of this distance here from the campers to route 14.

Kenny: It's at least a thousand feet. (Looking at the map)

Jeff: It's nowhere near close is my question. These rectangles mark the individual purposed camp sites?

Kenny: Correct

Jeff: And what is this then this other group of rectangles outlining that area?

Kenny: This is the roadway (pointing to map)

Jeff: So this area right here is the roadway (pointing to map)

Kenny: Yes

Jeff: Ok, what sort of septic system?

Kenny: There is a lift station that will be a dump station off of this roadway here (pointing to map)

Jeff: And your portable water supply will be well water?

Kenny: Correct

Jeff: Any other questions from the folks on the Board here?

Remy: So each individual camp site will have sewer access basically?

Kenny: Yes

Jeff: And power and water?

Kenny: Yes

Gary: Do you have approval from the county on the septic system and the dump station?

Kenny: Yes, they are getting all of that put in. They have discussed that before on putting a dump station in, because it ties right into the lateral that comes across.

Jeff: It will be tying into the county sewer?

Kenny: Yes

Jeff: I see, ok

Gary: These camp sites are revolving? Otherwise people might be staying a night, two night, three nights what's the limitation? How long?

Kenny: Some of them will be permanent, but there will be some that will be open you know people that are traveling can come in and stay. Other Moose members. You have to be a Moose member to camp there.

Gary: Can you explain to the Board what your definition of permanent is?

Kenny: Seasonal from April to November. Just seasonal, no winter camping at all nobody stays in the winter time.

Jeff: Do you do anything in the way of entertainment do you have a stage or anything do you expect to have music in it or anything like that?

Kenny: No, they have left this area opened to put in a playground for children and some picnic tables and stuff there. That's why that area is left open.

Jeff: So this area apparently is also in the neighborhood of 1,000 feet, I don't see a dimension there right now, but it is in the range of that one. Any screening you expect of plant some trees or anything like that over here that might object to the view of that, there are no residences?

Kenny: No, this is all woods back here. (pointing to the map)

Jeff: So this is all Moose property?

Kenny: Correct and it goes all the way back to New Milford.

Gary: What about the Giulitto property?

Kenny: This is Giulitto trucking.

Jeff: That is what used to be the miniature golf?

Kenny: Yes, that used to be the miniature golf course.

Jeff: Any other comments, questions from the Board? Does our Zoning Inspector have anything he would like to add to this? I've got a negative from him on that. Ok we will

ask for comments from the other folks here, so if you would step back please. Who else would like to speak on this matter this evening? Come forward please, you have to be sworn in so that the micro phone can pick you up. Do you swear that the statements that you are about to make before the Board are the truth? My name is Andrew W. Casciato and I live at 5107 Hayes Road, Ravenna Township. I am one of the people that butts on to the property back here. I would like to go on record and say I have nothing what so ever against them putting in the camp site. I really don't, I camped for 45 years, I've taken my kids all over this country and it's something that I like to see promoted and go on with, but I do have some questions because I have run into some situations in the past that have not been friendly for me and I'll also have a letter from a neighbor that if you wish I will read it after I get through talking to you about my concerns she ask me to present to you and I'm going to present it to you sir. (hands the letter to Jeff) In the last four years since I have been there at my address, I've had five separate incidents where people have crossed form the campground into my property. Two of them have evolved young boys and young ladies deciding to have some beer and do a wiener roast in my back woods and I was not happy about that, that is heavily dense woods in there and I don't need a fire. I don't think you guys could even get to it there.

Jeff: Excuse me a second, is there camping at this facility now?

Kenny: There are campers there yes.

Jeff: Ok

Drew:: One of the situations I had evolved the oldest child was 13 years old, they walked out in front of my pistol range just before I was going to start shooting, I have a weapons range back there. I built this thing to fit to RA specks and everything and I've been there for 25 years with it we're very safe, I drive around the property before we fire, if you don't have a CCW, you don't come on my property to shoot. I play by the rules, but I cannot stop people from wondering from that campground into my property. Now for the last four years, I've had signs out there. Danger, active gun range, no trespassing sign. Danger Keep out. In the back they have come right over those hills and the last time this group of kids, they were so terrified, they said to me would you please take us back to the campground we are lost. They evidently came down the ravine across the creek back up the hill side. I've had two others

Jeff: They crossed this area here basically?

Drew: Yes they were. They came from where they were at here all the way into there. (point to the map) and up to about here before I saw them. I'm retired and for that reason I am on my property 24/7 I use a UTV to get around because I can't walk anymore very well. I do enjoy target shooting, the police officers come out there because they like my range better than they do their own. It's safe, it's clean and I don't want to see anybody get hurt. God forbid I hit one of those kids with a ricochet or something else and I get sued you folks haven't seen a law suit like you are going to get from me. I don't want that to happen. What I do want to see is some type of a burrier that is put across the back of this property somewhere here, a five foot, six foot fence with signs on there that says end of property don't go any farther. If you guys go with that, you've got my blessing and I'll help you do whatever I can do it, but if you are going to do this, please make sure that you fence that, because I'm not the only one that goes back there. I've got other neighbors that shoot in their back fields too and that is one of the nice things that is about living in the township. I don't feel like the government is up my nose for everything and

I love it. I do think smart, I mean we don't sit there at 3 in the morning, we do it at a certain time I always check the area there are signs posted, but I think a fence would make all the difference and that's what I'm going to ask you folks if you will give me your word that you will put that fence up before you add anything else then I'm all for it and I'll support you with it. This is a letter statement saying the same thing from the neighbor down the road as well.

Dorothy: Which neighbors

Drew: That would be Katie and Brad Hill. The Wilsons are on vacation. I talked to Mr. Seckman. He's in agreement he thinks something should be done too. He said I'll wait and see what happens. We'll see where it goes from there. The other thing that I have concerns are that East Ohio Gas and Ohio Edison have taken that one side back there and have torn that up and shredded everything in there and that is my other fear is that if somebody does come up from that, they fall, there are sticks and twigs sticking out, I can't even drive a trailer back there without blowing tires. It's going to be four or five years until that area settles in and you can even walk on it or get near it. That is the other concern I've got. That's all I have to say and thank you for listening to me.

Jeff: Thank you. What's the nature with the bogginess with this area here and here?

Kenny: It is mostly a big ravine, it's wooded and there is trails back there and stuff. There used to be even when it was Holiday Sands people go walking. People go walking the Young Marines come out there and do their campout every year and they do their winter campout and we have the property. We do use it and most everybody that has been there has been told there is a gun range back there. I know it's posted, I've been back there and seen it. A fence is not out of the question.

Jeff: Can we do anything with this? Should we read it then? We have a letter here from another Hayes Road resident Kathleen and Bradly Hill address to the Board of Appeals it's response that we received regarding the Moose lodge (Proceeds to read the letter). See that's the wrong kind of sign. If you put up a keep out sign kids want to go in. You need to put up a sign that says Portage County poisonous snake preserve. Would anyone else like to speak? Do you swear that the statements you are about to make before this Board are the truth? Yes, State you name and address please. Kris Bunch, 5704 St. Rt. 14. First off I would like to add.

Jeff: Would you point that out to use on here please. (points to the map where their house is.

Kris: I would like to ask the Board here and state and go on record are any of you members of the Moose? All No's. Can I address you guys since you are representing the Moose? They currently have campers there so is that in addition to?

Jeff: The legal proceedings you should address your questions to me.

Kris: Ok are they already zoned for camping over there?

Jeff: It is a conditional variance for that area. It can be allowed. Hang on a second we are checking in to that.

Jim: It is not a permitted use. The Board is giving them a variance to be able to operate that.

Kris: But, currently they are not supposed to have campers there? Is that what that means? Like this weekend and the weekend before that and such.

Jim: If they are adding to it they have to come before the Board to get permission. I know that is not what you ask, but no there shouldn't be any camping there. We didn't have any idea they had camping there before.

Kris: Well, they have been camping there for a couple of years now.

Kenny: They have had campers out there for over ten years, since Terry Ray was administrator there. They have had campers out there and it's been addressed before and they have always said they can camp there. It has been brought up before about the campers and they have had campers out there, they have been camping out there since before I joined. Since they bought the property

Jim: That may have been before I took over. The only thing that I have dealt with out there has been the buildings and the additions they put on. Whatever was done there before was done under another Zoning Inspector.

Kris: So I guess my question was, in the letter we got they were requesting 45 camp sites. Is the in addition to what they currently have? So, I guess my question is if you have 45 campers on a busy weekend you figure two people plus their kids how many people are we talking and what is the noise factor? Because, you guys, now I know you said they're not going to have like a pavilion or something for entertainment. I have called the sheriff before about your noise. We call it the Rock and Roll Capitol of the world isn't in Cleveland it's at our house, because I sit directly across the street from you and we live on 14, you have Harley's, truck drivers, you know Jake Brakes. I sit in my house with the air conditioner on and your band will vibrate my picture window and all I hear is thump, thump, thump as I'm trying to watch a movie or as my husband, working seven days a week has to go to bed at 9:00. I've called the sheriff, had I had time I would have requested records from the sheriff stating that I called and said hey, now ever since then, in your defense, you do shut off at like 11:00. I have never had to call past twelve, but my question is what are we going to do about the noise and with these additional people and you know crime being what it is now, how are you going to keep me secure? Are you going to put up some kind of noise barrier? I'm more worried about security and the noise. Because, I don't want their kids from Indiana coming to my house at 2:00 in the morning seeing what I have in my shed. I think it is a legitimate question. Are you going to have or is there going to be any type of property management that if I do have a complaint I can call you, because I have tried to call you directly before I've had to call the sheriff to complain about the noise and I got at the time your bar on 59 when you guys were still operating on 59 and Menough Road, that's what I got. I said hey I'm calling about the music, oh yeah whatever and they hang up. As for the camping, I know this gentleman says and I understand you, but the noise is a huge factor for me. I couldn't keep any of my windows open this year because of all the construction with the septic and that comes with anything and they did reroute 14 and repave 14.

Jeff: We need to be moving along a little bit, we understand your concerns we need to talk about that. For example about the dust, you are required to have a dust free parking and driveway areas that is part of our code, either asphalted or gravel that is not going to be creating dust blowing around to the neighbors. The fence seems to be a pretty good idea. Does anyone else have any ideas?

Claire: I think that should be required.

Jeff: Also the noise, what sort of thing is the noise coming from? Do you have concerts or is this just individuals getting together playing their radios or what?

Kenny: We have bands once in a while on the weekends. We have cut them way down, we haven't have bands that much, maybe once a month and then we have a DJ. We have cut our bands and stuff way back, I mean we can't afford it and we are trying to put money into everything else. We can't pay a band to come out there when you don't have the money to pay for them. We do have a band maybe once a month and a DJ.

Claire: So will that increase when you get your campers?

Kenny: No, I don't think it will, because once a month is plenty.

Jeff: But, we don't have anything that states once a month or legally limiting anything to once a month at this point and we do not have a noise ordinance at this point.

Jim: We do now, but it is tough to enforce.

Jeff: The sheriff said only if you're a resident they advised you that certainly is incorrect.

Jim: The sheriff would enforce a nuisance like that. What I enforce a noise coming from a business, industry and that sort of stuff. The nuisance resolution was passed when the township had a constable and the constable would enforce that and now that we don't have a constable it is up to the sheriff to enforce a nuisance like that. Up until this point tonight, I didn't know you guys had bands out there. On the issue of that, that is something the Board can address, you guys have the authority to do that.

Gary: I'd like to talk about the security, we don't need any children or young people picking up stray bullets. I don't know whether the fence is the answer, it might be part of the answer, but it has to be some security from a stand point of watching and having specific rules enforced that these children don't climb the fence, that they don't walk around it, you can put the Portage Count poisonous snake sign up if you want to, children are children and that bothers me and that bothers me a lot. I don't know how to handle that, Jim you might have a suggestion there, but if you're just going to put a fence across that back section, I don't think that's acceptable. I think that that property should be fenced on three sides and enforced. It's pretty hard to fence four sides when one side of it is facing route 14.

Claire: I have a question. Do you have any type of security?

Kenny: Not as far as security officers or anything, no.

Gary: You don't want to handle a child getting shot. Nor does the property owner.

Jim: Is there onsite people there all the time? When the camping is going on?

Kenny: Yes, children are not allowed to be there without an adult, without a parent and you're not allowed to be there, there is always somebody there.

Claire: Is there a representative from the Moose?

Kenny: Yes, there is always officers on the property that are officers of the Moose.

Claire: Do they sleep there?

Kenny: Yes

Claire: Where do they sleep?

Kenny: There are four of us that have campers out there ourselves.

Jeff: Do you wish to say something again.

Drew: If you got people there, then I want to know how two twelve year olds and a thirteen year old, all of them little girls, came across that ravine, down that ravine, up the ravine and walked right up in front of my range and their parents didn't even know they were missing. I got to tell you that had to been a 45 minute hike. They were so lost and scared one kid peed her pants.

Jim: The only difficult thing with a fence, it's a good barrier but it's like any barrier put up there is curiosity and if that person wants to go under around or through that barrier there is no legislature on the face of the earth that can stop them from doing that.

Jeff: Yes, and I don't know what the solution would be, because folks all around do some shooting here and there and there is going to be some higher concentration of people a little closer to the ranges here. I shoot in my back yard for years.

Jim: What kind of rules do you have than make people behave themselves?

Kenny: If somebody causes an issue out there, they get written up for the first offense, second offense they come in front of the Board it's usually at 30, 60 or 90 day suspension, third time they are gone, they are no longer a member.

Jim: That's pretty good, that's impressive.

Gary: But, you're dealing with campers that could be coming from Colorado, California or Washington State.

Claire: So you might not every see them again.

Kenny: If we get on the Moose camping Board that would be down the road and yeah that's true it could be people from another state if they come in they have to be a Moose member to be able to pull in and put their camper there. It is usually only for overnight camping or if they are traveling or something like that. That is why the Moose lodges have that option at a lot of their places.

Jim: Is that pretty much standard for all you're camping? Pretty much the same rules?

Kenny: Yes, for the Moose lodges they are all the same

Jim: So they should be familiar with the rules if they camped at other places they know it is pretty consistent. So they would have to be a royal pain in the butt to violate your rules that is an intentional thing I would think.

Jeff: Do we have a question here?

Drew: I have a statement to make. You could put a device on top of that fence. If they actually put a six foot high fence in and put the angle bars coming out with bobbed wire coming out of it, I don't think to many people are going to get over that and I would actually feel very comfortable with that and I'm actually the guys with the gun range. I don't want to stop them from doing what they are doing, but I just want to make it safe. I love you're idea of three sides and that type of a fence and the danger keep out sign is all that needs to be on there.

Claire: So if one of your neighbors is having an issue like this lady said. She couldn't really get ahold of anybody that could do anything for her. So what are they supposed to do if they are having some sort of an issue?

Kenny: If they have issues and they are calling the lines down on 59 that was over four years ago.

Claire: Ok so what if they go home tonight and have an issue.

Kenny: Now you can call the lodge and there is somebody there to answer the phone. There is always someone there to answer the phone or if you have an issue, please come over and ask for an officer. Ask for someone that's there, ask for a Moose officer there and address the issues.

Claire: There is an officer there 24 hours.

Kenny: There is an officer there all the time if there is an event going on.

Gary: Is this an officer of the Moose lodge or a law enforcement officer?

Kenny: Officer of the Moose lodge. We don't have officers of law enforcement on the property. We don't have any type of police security, its private property and we don't have any kind of outside security.

Claire: These events that you have where you say you have a band or a DJ, is that limited to the members of the Moose, are they allowed to bring guest or family?

Kenny: If a guest comes into the Moose, they can be a guest twice, third time they come on the property they have to become a member or they can't come back. They are allowed, a lot of people bring their family in we have fishing there, we have trails, we have the nature, people come out and enjoy it. It is a family fraternity, we are trying to get more of the kids out there, that's why is we do the camping there is going to be a playground there for the kids. To be more family oriented not a bar. For people to come out and enjoy.

Kris: As of last holiday, where did the four wheelers come from? We were there when Holiday Sands was there. 8:00, 9:00 everything was shut down, you know we got used to the recording every hour for the recording safety check that they would blare and I'm sure you did too and that was fine. Now that I go to bed, I don't want to hear your four wheelers, my windows shouldn't vibrate.

Kenny: I understand that concern, we just got on a lot of the people with the four wheelers that they have to shut them down and anybody caught riding now after 10:00 their done, they don't have a four wheeler there no longer. We have had our own member complain that there was people riding four wheelers at 2:30 or 4:00 in the morning.

Kris: They come down 14 in the dark and I don't know why they would want to do that with tractor trailers coming at you 60 miles an hour.

Gary: I have a question for you. Since there is no camping going on at this facility at the present time. How often, days, nights, weeks or months have you complained to the sheriff's department or them about the noise factor?

Kris: Well, I have called the Sheriff three times maybe four over the last, since the band started. When you first moved in you didn't have the band, once you built that pavilion thing that is when it became a nuisance for us. One time one of your head officers had a flat tire in out driveway, pouting down rain, Rich went down said he would help him to change it in the garage and he came back a couple days later and he came back a couple days later and said he wanted to thank him for helping me and Rick said no problem. He said he's a member of the Moose, I'm an officer over there and I let him have it. I said oh, the music finally someone I can talk to and nothing. So that is my concern. He said he was vice president something he was a big officer over there. I have looked in the phone book I don't see you guys in the phone book anymore. Honestly I quit looking. I go to bed turn my air conditioning on because I can't open the windows on band night.

Drew: When the band are there, I'm 300 feet off of Hayes Rd and I can hear it. I'm just trying to get along.

Jeff: We have two folks we haven't heard from yet this evening, do you wish to say something:

Yes,

Jeff: You have to come forward and be sworn in please. Swears in the Dirolls.

We are the Dirolls, we live next door right up the hill from the lake. (pointing to map where their property is)

Mrs. Diroll: When first energy went through, they built a dirt road between 14 and Hayes Rd. You're running your four wheelers on that road and the dust clouds are just enveloping my house from that road and I don't know what we can do about that.

Jeff: who owns the road or the property that the road is on?

Mrs. Diroll: It's through the right of way of where the electric towers are and its right next to that. So they are running the four wheelers up that little road and then they do a little circle out by 14 and then they run back down.

Jeff: You might try calling first energy about that, you might call the sheriff's department, but if they are not on the road it's a little .....

Mrs. Diroll: They are on the right of way. It's on their side of the property, the right of way goes right through that tower on my side. So all that part is their property it's an easement.

Jeff: That is not something the Board can really address too much. That can happen with the campground on any number.....

Mr. Diroll: Our problem with that is, if there is going to be a significant number of people we would expect an increase in traffic and we would like that nuisance eliminated. I had hoped that the exposed dirt from the right of way when they put in the gas line and electric lines would have grown and it didn't there is too much traffic on it right now and I'm sure that is easily taken care of. We bought that property when Jim and Donna Klohn was still operating Holiday Sands so we're used to some noise and we have never complained about any of the music or whatever so it really hasn't gotten out of hand.

Jeff: You say you're sure the problem with the dusty road can be taken care of?

Mr. Diroll: The other thing is there was some discussion on when operation is shut down in the evening. We haven't had much of a problem with that except one night late last week there were four youngsters underneath the high tension tower, I think smoking probably cigarettes. My dogs went nuts on that, I didn't turn them loose on them but you'll have that. We are looking at the map, everything is quite a distance from us so we aren't really concerned other than traffic and as long as the driveway is well marked there will be fewer people using our driveway as a turn around.

Jeff: What would you consider a good shutoff time in the evening for the music if they do have a band or other performances?

Mr. Diroll: My wife doesn't like county music, but I do. I don't have a problem. 11:00 sounds reasonable.

Jeff: So you would like the dirt road that is on the electric company's right of way.

Mr. Diroll: Just spray the dust down. We haven't had a problem with them as neighbors they have an enterprise, you have to understand that there is going to be some noise. Just like my neighbors on the other side arguing with each other and yelling at their kids. Just like my dogs barking at everybody.

Gary: Your present day campers, legally or illegally, how many do you have/

Kenny: I think there is fourteen and on the weekend. Like last weekend with our annual picnic, we ask people if they are going to be there drinking to put up a tent and bring their camper stay the night.

Gary: Why do you want to increase it to 45?

Kenny: That is probably as far as we will ever, ever go. I doubt if we will ever see 45 spots filled to be honest with you, but we are going to put it in and they said let's go 45,

we have the space to do it and right now we don't have 20 out there. Half of them will probably stay empty 90% of the time.

Jeff: Do you have dump stations or sewage now.

Kenny: No that's all self-contained

Jeff: Self-contained campers that you are using now?

Gary: They submitted that as part of the proposal.

Kris: Can you show me on the map exactly where you are going to put these campsites?

Kenny: Do you know where the cell tower is?

Kris: Yes

Kenny: There are going over in that field.

All talking and pointing to the map. (Inaudible)

Jeff: Anybody else have anything else to say on the Board at this moment?

Remy: So the four officer's campers are part of these 45 sites then and you said somebody is always there and they are in a camper, so there are permanently, basically four campers year round?

Kenny: There is always somebody there, the campers sit there in the winter, but nobody camps in them.

Jeff: Is there some sort of office or building where people could be found if they couldn't get them on the phone?

Kenny: Yes either in the social quarters, the bartender is in there all the time or there is usually officers in there or there is an office across from the lodge.

Jeff: We need to make sure there are phone number available also. Would you normally be in the phone book as Moose lodge?

Kenny: It is still the same phone number as out on 59. It should be there.

Jim: The phone company does weird things with listing people's things, so you may have to look under Moose or Ravenna or 1234 they do a lot of strange things.

Kenny: I know if you google it on the map it still sends you to 59.

Let me say something about the kids

Jeff: If you want this on record you will need to come up here please.

Mr. Diroll: I have a lot of concerns about kids especially with their range. Route 14 is high speed travel in that area and the jake break on the trucks, but there is something about kids and idiots you can't make anything idiot prove or child prove they're to ingenious so normal scheme of things you just have to be vigilante. We've been there for 28 years and they have been there 4 or 5 years as far as I'm concerned they are good neighbors, they make a little bit of noise here and there but so does everyone else, especially when we are excited or mad at something.

Jeff: The chair is read to entertain a motion pertaining to this variance request.

Drew: Of the top of my head what if we petitioned that section of state route 14 to have it reduced speed sign posted

Jeff: Do we have any say so in that situation?

Jim: That's up to ODOT and good luck.

Jeff: These things that ODOT has to accomplish in that sort of thing. That is not something this Board has any control over.

Drew: When I had the incident with the kids it was about 2:30 or 3:00 in the afternoon actually.

Jeff: There is only so much the Board can do to address that, like someone said it's pretty hard telling a kid not to go somewhere, it is up to his parents. I know my wife was head of the library reference for 30 years and a lot of parents don't watch their kids that much.

Drew: I am not going to change what I do, I will still do a drive before I ever shoot. That is just the way I conduct business. I want them to be able to continue on with what they are doing too.

Kenny: The parents need to watch the children, but it's nice to see the kids come out there besides sitting in front of a television or on their phone all day long. They are actually out doing something.

Kris: Another question on the shooting range. Can you shoot anytime?

Drew: I limit my start time to around 9 to 10:00 in the morning and usually at least a half hour before dark I eliminate anybody from shooting. The only time I have had anyone shooting after dark is when I have had a couple of police officers using flashlight training.

Kris: We do hear shooting at night.

Drew: That is coming from up the road a little bit. That's not me.

Kenny: I know that is not me, because we have a strict no gun policy. Zero tolerance for carry fire arms on our property.

Remy: So how exactly are these sites being prepared? I don't see that information, like the gravel. The actual sites to make them permanent describe that for the record.

Kenny: The roadway coming in, we are getting blacktop drainage and that will be the roadway going through there. The camp sites will be gravel.

Jeff: What do you think you might do about the dirt over here on the utility right of way?

Kenny: Well, the short term fix is that we can try putting some water over there to keep the dust down and start notifying the four wheelers to stay off the dirt road over there. Have them stay out of there.

Remy: Could you have a four wheeler entertainment area?

Kenny: They have trails all through the woods and everything back there. There is plenty of room for them to ride back there, but we will have to let them know as they come and go. We try to keep the kids in that area purposely, because it is a flat field. We don't want them riding through the ravine.

Jeff: The next topic I would like to address is the fence we have been talking about. We need something noted about the location of the fence the extent of it that sort of thing.

Gary you said you would like it to be on three sides, well the property is rather convoluted so you can't bring it over this way very readily. I can understand the fence somewhere between the campground here and the line that is the back line of all the properties on Hayes Road.

Gary: Is this there property back here?

Jeff: Yes it is. This is wooded now, is that accurate?

Kenny: This side is the trucking company. On the other side of the trucking company is the railroad tracks. (Pointing to map)

Jeff: Any thoughts on where you would like to see that fence?

Gary: I would like to see it all the way around that property except for the entrance.

Remy: That could be quite expensive thought.

Gary: If a child gets hurt.

Remy: We are talking this is privately owned. That is like me fencing in your property because somebody else may fall on you property.

Jeff: Swears in Scott Fischer. 4669 Melverta Drive, Rootstown.

Scott: With that comment, I do not see the City Parks fenced in completely, I don't see a complete school ground fenced in completely. Public hunting areas are not fenced in and kids made to stay out. I can appreciate your statement 10 thousand percent. I take that very, very seriously. We can address some of those issues on how not with a thousand guarantee that I can look you square in the eye and say we will take every, every effort to take care of that guarantee. We are talking about 120 acres, I'm sorry the township doesn't have the money for us to surround the whole property. I appreciate your statement, but we will never make it in our life and we are a family fraternity.

Jeff: What's in here, the area owned by Katensky

Kenny: All wooded back through there.

Jeff: Where is the ravine you have mentions a few times?

Scott: (Pointing to the map) There used to be an old rail car that used to run through there back in the 40s so on either side of that ole rail line are ravines and they are 50 to 60 foot deep ravines.

Drew: That is why you need to ban four wheelers all together.

Jeff: So would we expect and what would you folks like, the fence to be closer to the campground and the ravines outside the fence or would you expect the fence to be back here closer to the Hayes Roads properties, what sort.

Scott: I would like to stay 3 or 400 feet off of Casciato's property. I would walk it with you, because it's hard to really....

Drew: You won't be able to put a fence back in there there's is too much brush and growth. I've been there for 25 to 27 years. I'll take you back I've got a UTV.

Claire and Jeff looking at the map and camp sites.

Dorothy: We have to depend on people following the rules, parents willing to monitor their kids and a fence.

Jeff: We need to be able to describe where we would like to see the fence.

Remy: Like on the property line.

Kenny: Where ever we can get it in, it doesn't have to be on the property line. We can move it in on our property, wherever we can put it in along that back side. We are looking at ravines, we are looking at woods, we are looking at there is probably an easier place to actually put the fence without having to fill.

Jim: Since I'm the guy that has to make sure that is enforced. How about you just let me work with them if you tell me what your parameters are I can work with them. I think we could come to an agreement to get the fence put in and I'll make sure it's not something that's unreasonable and cost prohibited and stays out of the ravines. You will have to have a fence person come out there and look at it and all that. There is not a permitting process for the fence, but I am willing to work with them and go and out there and take a look see what goes on.

Remy: So between the property line and 50 feet would that meet.

Scott: The three of us would meet and really come up with something.

Drew: In that ravine is all your wild game and you don't want to do something that is going to snag deer. You need it more in an area where people are.

Jeff: What I've got temporarily written down here is a fence along the 16 hundreds 79 foot dimension as marked on the map here and extending towards route 14 at each end 3 to 500 feet that give us a big u shaped thing here. You can't extend it forever, kids are going to get around the end of it somewhere.

Scott: If I can reiterate, the hunting areas around West Branch nothing is fenced in. Any child any resident, any person can walk through, that is public hunting ground. I appreciate what you are trying to do. You will never be able to litigate safety, all you're going to do is just put us jeopardy of not being able to afford to do anything. I do appreciate it. I would like to stop over and see Drew.

Drew: You are welcome anytime, my doors open to you guys I want you to succeed. (Board all talking and looking at the map.) (Inaudible.)

Jeff: The latest proposal brought to the board is that a fence be across this 17 hundred foot.

Jim: Pointing to the map showing where the fence could go.

Claire: I agree with you that is up to the parents to parent and apparently that is not happening.

Jim: That is up to them to reentrants to the parents if you screw up you're out.

Claire: My thing about putting the fence there. Enclosing just the campers, you are still going to have kids outside that fence on the four wheelers and on the...

Jim: Well, you can eliminate the four wheelers. You could limit it to a gold cart.

Claire: If you put the fence up here, you still have all this area.

(Everyone talking)

Drew: That's all I want is just something there with a couple of signs on it. I'll take whatever you folks decided on to whatever make the fence how tall or how wide as long as there is something there. Some kind of barrier. To help protect me and protect them.

Jim: It is not only the thought of putting it up, but you have to maintain it. That's why farms don't have a chain linked fence around they just have a small wire fence around it. (all talking)

Kenny: We have bathrooms 24/7 right now those buildings are never locked.

Jeff: Jim, I don't think we can just leave this with you and the property owners deciding where the fence ought to be, we need more specific definition I think. I don't know how to go about doing that at this point.

Remy: Could we have Jim walk the property with the property owners and give us something more formal at a later date?

Jim: We can recess to reconvene next month if you want or we are having another meeting in a week.

Dorothy: Are you facing a deadline of any sorts that you need to get this done right now?

Kenny: We would like to get started on it, but we are in no dead line.

Jeff: Jim, that is a lot to put on you could you come back with more information for us.

Jim: Give me two weeks

Gary: The issues that we need to be talking about is the ones that you wrote down Jeff? I think the Board would like to have more information on how it's going to be controlled from a noise standpoint, from a safety standpoint, from a security standpoint, dirt and dust standpoint. These are just too many unknowns and they have to be answered specifically no generalities.

Remy: Jim, are there existing campground specifics as to areas of concerns?

Jim: As far as,

Remy: the safety, noise lighting

Jim: No. there is nothing in the code about that we control where it sits and where it is. When it comes to the other stuff. We don't really get into noise and dust control and that is easily address by the Board, because you guys do have the right to do.

Mr. Diroll: People have been camping there for over 50 years. I worked for Art Klohn in 1964, 1965 we used to spend the whole weekend hauling Pau's lumber out there.

Gary: Sir, I understand what you said, but there is a difference between a half a dozen or a dozen families in there and 45.

Mr. Diroll: Well, it is a magnitude to a scale. We are worried about as fence and a firing range. There is a family just east of me that have three young children. Anybody worried about putting a fence up for them?

Gary: Maybe the issue never came to the table.

Mr.Diroll: I would think the parents would take care of them.

Jeff: Ok, we have a few thing here we will eventually be putting in the variance request such as no four wheel drive after 9:00 a.m or before 10:00 a.m., no loud music after 11:00 p.m. make sure the telephone numbers are available, eliminate the dirt trail at the utility right of way so that will become part of I have penciled in a six foot high fence, not hat familiar with fencing and so forth would five be ok?

Jim: Give me two weeks and I will bring back what we have worked out and you can put on paper what your group requirements are if you wish.

Jeff: Works for me. Chair will entertain motion to table this discussion until the next meeting which we believe will be in two weeks.

Dorothy: I so move

Claire: I second it. R/C: Jeff Gaynor – yes, Remy Arness- yes, Dorothy Griffiths- yes, Claire – yes, Gary Long – yes. Moton passed

Jeff: We

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