

**Public Hearing Minutes  
For Planning Commission Zoning Changes  
January 18th, 2010**

**Call to Order-** 6:45 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Linda Clark, Linda Schilling, Marty Hura, Ben Prescott, Roger Hawkins, Giles Seith

**Others:** Clerk-Treasurer Jenny August, Mayor Donna Hawkins, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Chief Buchert, Village Engineer Brian Rogers.

**Citizens:** John Clark, Bill & Patsi Gast, Members of the American Legion, Bill Zoller, Barky Zoller, Ellie Stamm, Jason Heilman, Carl Zeleznik, Randy Weaver, Aaron Snopek , Dean Stebbins, Norm Erickson, Dick Kryz, Bob Guyette, Christine Pitsinger, Bobby Ress, Larry Kotkowski, Heidi Benjamin, Mark Brugmann, Elmo, Laura Landreth, Todd Brugmann, Dean Olsen, Paul & Sandy Brannon & son, Tim Benner, Jeff Blunk, Don Schilling, Ross Kotkowski, Scouts, and others.

Mayor Hawkins opened the meeting and began reviewing the legislation relating to the changes to the Zoning Code recommended by the Planning Commission.

**2010-53 An ordinance amending section 410.05, concerning outdoor sales and display of the Zoning Ordinances of the Village of Mantua.**

- Linda Schilling said we keep going against the businesses and stopping them from making money..
- Donna Hawkins compared this legislation to Garrettsville's. Donna read Garrettsville's similar ordinance. Donna felt our Planning Commission wrote ours to be business friendly. She felt theirs is much stricter than ours in prohibiting outdoor sales.
- Aaron Snopek spoke as a member of the Planning Commission. "We proposed this legislation to change the current law which makes it easier for people to do business in Mantua. If you compare the current law which says vending machines outside a building are prohibited. You can sell fruit and potatoes, but no vending machines. The proposed change allows you to have vending machines, just limits you as to where you locate it. He feels the new law greatly facilitates commerce. He thinks it is important to have reasonable legislation. The new law would not affect current business. Other communities have more onerous restrictions. "
- Marty Hura asked how much of the downtown is further away than 15 ft of the paved highway? Is any of it? Nothing would be allowed in that area. Aaron wasn't sure, he hadn't measured. He added that "If it is a bad law, Council doesn't have to pass it. We recommend these things not to undermine business, but to facilitate more business and impose some regulations."
- Giles questioned the 15 ft. limitation.
- Linda Clark asked about the definitions of a vending machine. Wouldn't that include an ATM machine such as the one at Chase Bank? Roger asked if it was in the building or protruding out.
- John Clark asked what is Village Center. Linda Clark explained.
- Roger Hawkins said a successful downtown has ordinances like this. We don't have a successful downtown.
- Bill Zoller stated that he disagrees with the 15 ft. restriction. It belongs to the property owner. He agrees with cleaning and maintaining the sidewalk area.

Adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

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Donna Hawkins, Mayor

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Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer