

WATERVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD
621 Farnsworth Road, Waterville, OH

October 19, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING
Progressive Fishing Association
Special Use Permit Amendment
Z22-C123

Zoning Board Members

William Burkett
Shelly Hayes, Vice Chair
Rich Hertzfeld
Keith Moosman
Tom Wardell, Chair

Alternate Bob Long

Zoning Secretary

Patty Rupert

Township Trustees

Kyle Hertzfeld
Brett Warner
Duke Wheeler

Deputy Fiscal Officer

Peggy Michael

Township Zoning Inspector

Jim Fischer

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** – The Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair **Tom Wardell**.
2. **Roll Call** – In attendance were board members Bill Burkett, Shelly Hayes, Keith Moosman, Tom Wardell, and Bob Long. Also in attendance were Zoning Inspector Jim Fischer, Zoning Secretary Patty Rupert and guest Chris Ferrara, President of PFA.
3. **Public Comments** – **Chris Ferrara** and **Jim Fischer** were both present for the Lucas County Plan Commission public hearing. No public comments were received. No questions by the LCPC for PFA. **Bill Harbert** did visit the site and made a physical inspection of the area as did **Jim Fischer**. PFA is willing to comply with all of the conditions of the staff recommendations. Chris Ferrara did receive one phone call after the hearing. One individual questioned whether or not straight wall cartridges were considered high powered ammunition. Per ODNR, they are not.
4. **Member Comments/Questions** –
 - Due to the lack of public response, **Bill Burkett** asked if this hearing met notification requirements. **Patty Rupert** went on the record to state adjacent property owners were sent letters, posting was made at the township hall, and ad was placed in **The Mirror** to comply with 10-day notice.
 - **Bill Burkett** asked **Chris Ferrara** what his understanding of Staff Recommendation #9. Chris' interpretation is to follow protocols and standards of safety recommended by the **NRA**. Room for 6 shooters, there will be no increase in that amount to shoot at one time. Certified range officers ensure shooters shoot to an acceptable standard. Beginning January, 2021, all members certified to use range, will also be required to have first aid training. We will have trauma kits on site, to begin aid while waiting for 911 responders. All members agreed any and all steps taken in the name of safety is a step in the right direction. It is apparent the PFA is going above and beyond to comply with all NRA standards.
 - **Bill Burkett** also questioned Staff Recommendation #10 from the Plan Commission. This requirement will not be enforced. This item appears to be a carryover from previous

applications. This requirement states An NRA Certificate or Letter of compliance shall be obtained by the club and presented to the Township Zoning Officials stating that the firing range meets or exceeds all applicable NRA standards. The NRA does not issue this type of document. **Jim Fischer** stated this omission can be read into the motion.

- **Jim Fischer** mentioned we have received a letter from the county that they are recommending approval of the PFA SUP Amendment Z22-C132.

5. **Member Actions - Shelly Hayes** made the motion to approve the PFA Special Use Permit Amendment Z22-C132 permitting the use of straight walled cartridges identified by the ODNR as allowable calibers for deer hunting purposes, and to eliminate recommendation #10 requiring Certificate of NRA compliance. No modification to the size or location of the range has been proposed. **Bill Burkett** seconded this motion. **Motion Passed.**

Patty Rupert will add to the November agenda for the Waterville Township Trustees for their final action.

6. **Adjournment – Shelley Hayes** made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. **Bill Burkett** seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**