

**Minutes of Meeting
December 14, 2020
Zoning Commission
CA-2-20 Text Amendment**

Zoning Commission Members present: Kevin Heim, Jason Cramer, Ronald Baughman and Beatrice Schiavone. Also present: Zoning Director Michael Hanshaw and Assistant Zoning Director Laura Datkuliak.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. CA-2-20 by Mr. Heim.

(Hearing was recorded, in its entirety, by Premier Court Reporting)

Mr. Heim read the application request for a text amendment to the Canton Township Resolution. To require a zoning permit for any fence or wall; to rename “Skill Games” as “Skill Based Amusement Machines”, to require “Skill Based Amusement Machine” operators to be registered with the Ohio Casino Control Commission and to limit Skill Based Amusement Machines, as a conditionally permitted use in Industrial Zoned Districts. Mr. Heim read through the Stark County Regional Planning recommendations.

Questions to Mr. Hanshaw-

Q: Will the existing skill games businesses be grandfathered in?

A: They will have to meet all regulations. They are issued a conditional use permit that is reviewed annually.

Q: If they are replacing a fence will they need a permit?

A: If just replacing, and not relocating they would not, if it was originally placed over property line it would need corrected. If they are moving to a new location, they would need a permit.

Pros:

- Text amendments allow for a better handle on what’s happening in the community
- Align with the state and regulations for gambling
- Not putting anyone out, just saying they need to align with state regulations
- Easier to regulate

Cons:

The board saw no cons with the text amendments.

Mr. Baughman made a motion to recommend CA-2-20, motion seconded by Mr. Heim.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to recommend modifying the text amendment to read “also known as skill based amusement machines” at the end of the skill games definition, motion seconded by Ms. Schivone.

ROLL CALL:

Kevin Heim	YES
Beatrice Schiavone	YES
Ronald Baughman	YES
Jason Cramer	YES

4-0 to recommend the text amendment with modification.