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The Public Hearing ZC-2024-03 Mobile Food Units was officially called to order by Chairman Eugene T. McCune, Jr. at precisely 7:30 PM. All three Trustees were present.

Mr. McCune explained that contrary to what had been circulated through the community and on social media, this amendment came into being to allow food trucks to operate in the community. Currently food trucks are not permitted. Mr. McCune indicated that regulating them was important for health and safety reasons.

He explained that Auburn is stressing the health and safety aspect of the mobile food units and want to make sure, since these are not a permanent business, that they conform to the safety and health guidelines.

Ted Van Hyning, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, indicated that there is a quickly developing entertainment area in the township. He explained that the Zoning Commission is simply trying to make sure the improvements are done safely and still maintain the intent of the zoning districts.

Mr. Troyan commented that he wants to see the trucks follow guidelines for health and safety and are compliant.

Mr. Cavanagh commented on the letter from the Planning Commission. He noted the Planning Commission recommended denial. They did suggest that the word “may” should be changed to “shall” and indicated that maybe the trucks could be regulated through the ORC 505.94—"Transient Vendors” rather than as an amendment.

Discussion took place.

Mr. Dietrich, Zoning Consultant, explained the transient vendors regulation is for door-to-door sales, but this Amendment goes beyond that. It addresses quantity, frequency, health and safety (by requiring setbacks) and also requires approval from the Health and Fire Departments, where transient vendor registration does not.

Fire Chief John Phillips stated the Fire Department would inspect health and safety.

The proposed amendment also regulates temporary signage that may come with the mobile food unit in the road right-of-way, along with parking setbacks and other safety issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Morris Wein commented that his business is concerned with safety and parking. He stated that currently they book food trucks two days a weekend and would like to host them more than twice a week. He does not want to be limited on how many times a food truck is permitted at their location.

Sherry Bailey commented that food trucks should not be limited. She explained that food trucks are an attraction that attracts customers to businesses that use them.

Mr. Van Hyning explained that the amendment can be readdressed in the future if it is not working. He said a lot of time, thought, research and work went into this amendment.

Jena Ianari shared that a private survey was conducted. There were ideas and suggestions for the number of days for food trucks, but the survey results were shot down by the Zoning Commission. She also noted some of the Zoning Commission meetings were very hostile regarding food trucks and she feels that this needs to be fair to all businesses.

An unidentified resident commented that he liked the food sources of food trucks.

Discussion ensued regarding modifying the number of times a food truck could be at a location.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued):

P. J. Cavanagh indicated that he would like to continue Public Hearing. He also explained the referendum process to the audience.

Mr. Troyan discussed potentially increasing the number of days per week.

Mr. McCune commented that he is not in favor of keeping the Public Hearing open.

Sherry Bailey advised that they sell hops to the breweries. She also explained that these are family run businesses that use food trucks, and they have to sell food for their business.

Mr. Van Hyning noted that regulations need to be put in place quickly to allow the continuation of current usage of food trucks in the township. If necessary, the amendment can be readdressed and tweaked in the future.

Mr. McCune explained the process of voting on the amendment. They could vote to accept it, deny it, or accept it with modifications. He noted that the vote will take place at the Trustees' meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025.

Mr. McCune stated that he was going to close the Public Hearing, and that a week is enough time to gather any additional information if modifications need to be made.

There were no further comments.

Motion by Gene McCune Jr., seconded by Michael S. Troyan to close the Public Hearing for ZC-2024-03 Mobil Food Units. Vote: Troyan, yes; Cavanagh, no; and McCune, yes. The motion passed.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Not present

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Daniel J. Matsko, Fiscal Officer Michael S. Troyan, Chairman

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Patrick J. Cavanagh, Vice-Chairman Eugene T. McCune Jr., Trustee

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Date