

**Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
February 22, 2017**

Present: Tom Warren, Chairman
Ben Kotowski, Vice Chairman
Jim Dickinson

Also in attendance: Jennell Dahlhausen, Zoning Secretary; Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector.

Mr. Warren called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016: *Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Kotowski. Motion passed unanimously.*

MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2017: *Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Kotowski. Motion passed unanimously.*

OTHER BUSINESS: The progress of the Land Use Guide was discussed. The Zoning Secretary provided some changes to Mr. Kotowski to include in his revised copy. Mr. Kotowski will send a revised copy to the Commission and Secretary soon so that all changes can be finalized before the next meeting.

The Zoning Inspector stated the amendment adding the term Medical Marijuana to the Zoning Resolution and adding a section under prohibited uses for the cultivating, processing, or retail dispensing of medical marijuana was approved by the Trustees at their last meeting.

Mr. Warren referred to the 2017 goal list. The Secretary asked if the Commission would like to add one goal to each agenda. The Commission agreed this is a good idea and would like to discuss planned residential districts at the March meeting.

Mr. Dickinson asked the Secretary to provide the Commission with sample resolutions to review when discussing the amendments on the goals list.

The Zoning Commission asked the Secretary to plan a workshop meeting with the Board of Trustees, Board of Zoning Appeals, Geauga County Planning Commissioner, Dave Dietrich, and the Geauga County Prosecutor, Kate Jacobs.

Mr. Dickinson hasn't made direct contact with the Prosecutors Office concerning why 35% lot coverage that was suggested for the Chagrin Heights amendment, but someone is supposed to call him back soon.

