

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission  
Russell Town Hall  
September 28, 2022

Present: Mr. Ben Kotowski, Chairman  
Mr. Barry Rogers, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Nathan Booth Wynveen  
Dr. Chris Stormann

Also in attendance: Mr. Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector; Mrs. Cathleen Birli, Zoning Secretary

Mr. Jim Dickinson was absent with apologies.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m.

The 2022 Schedule, Sunshine Notice, was announced in the Chagrin Valley Times and the Geauga Maple Leaf, Thursday, December 23, 2021.

*Mr. Wynveen made the motion to accept the meeting agenda, Mr. Rogers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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**Resolution Book:**

*The Commissioners' reviewed Section 2 (definitions). Questions for Dave Dietrich*

Detention Pond	more research on the definition?
Junk	revise "Old" in the definition?
Junk Motor Vehicle	revise definition?
Lot	is "Shall Be" a legal term – "Future" vs "Present"?
Personal Property	is this a legal term/stands on its own?
Pond	is that for 5 acres?
Retention Pond	permanent "May or May Not", should the wording be revised?
Detention Pond	temporary; needs more clarification?
Structure	should pond be included in the definition?
Dam	taking something away," to construct; more clarification?

*The Commissioners' reviewed Section 4 (general provisions). Questions for Dave Dietrich*

4.4	residential and non-residential – separate them?
4.4(H)	residential?
4.6(D)	fencing requirement; finished side face outward. Should this requirement have it's own letter under section 4.6?
4.7(C)	storage – how long? Registered vs Unregistered
4.11(C)(D)	do obscene signs need to be clarified?
4.14(C)(D)	Strike Out?

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**Air BNB Legal Action Update:**

August 9, 2022, the Defendant made a motion to dismiss the claim.  
August 22, 2022, the APA argued the reasons to continue the suit. It went back to the courts.  
No future date given.

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**Marden Road Violation Update:**

The Zoning Inspector updated the Commission that Russell Township is still waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers inspection report from the August 16, 2022 on-site inspection with Geauga County Soil & Water.

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**Wetlands Setback Code Update:**

The Commissioners' discussed adding a wetlands map in the Resolution Book.

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**No Comments from the Public**

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**Minutes:**

The Commissioners' reviewed and signed the minutes from July 27, 2022.

The Commissioners' reviewed and signed the minutes from August 24, 2022.

*Mr. Rogers made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Wynveen seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Cathleen Birli      10/26/22  
Mrs. Cathleen Birli      Date  
Zoning Commission Secretary

Ben J. Kotowski      10/26/2022  
Mr. Ben Kotowski      Date  
Chairman