

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Town Hall
February 28, 2024

Present: Mr. Barry Rogers, Chairman
Mr. Jim Dickinson
Dr. Chris Stormann
Mr. Nathan Wynveen

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

Mr. Ben Kotowski was absent with apologies.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

The 2023 Schedule, Sunshine Notice, was announced in the Chagrin Valley Times and the Geauga Maple Leaf, Thursday, December 21, 2023.

Resolution Book Updating

The Zoning Secretary will make provide a copy of the Resolution Book revisions to the Trustees for their review.

Mr. Rogers requested to attend the next Trustees meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss their concerns/comment/questions.

The Zoning Secretary will contact the Trustees about placing Mr. Rogers on the agenda for Thursday, March 21, 2024.

The Commission will not be pursuing a Fencing Amendment at this time.

Other Business

Community Letter Regarding Marijuana Moratorium

Mr. Rogers presented a community letter regarding a moratorium on marijuana, stating precedent, from other communities.

See attachment.

Northeast Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop:

The Zoning Secretary received the save the date notice, Friday, June 28, 2024, at Willoughby Hills Community Center, more information will be coming in May.

See attachment.

Court update on the Air BNB on Fairmount Road:

March 4, 2024 Air BNB - 7722 Fairmount Road –Parcel #26-05591–Case #22M0003800
Trial Management Conference 9:00 a.m.

March 15, 2024 Air BNB - 7722 Fairmount Road – Parcel #26-05591-Case#22M0003800
Bench Trial 9:00 a.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Dickinson made the motion to accept the minutes from the January 24, 2024 meeting, Dr. Stormann seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There being no other business, Mr. Rogers adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Cathleen Birli 3-27-24
Mrs. Cathleen Birli Date
Zoning Commission Secretary

Barry Rogers 3-27-24
Mr. Barry Rogers Date
Chairman

January 30, 2024

Community Leader,

As concerned longtime residents of Geauga County, we are enclosing an example of a Resolution we hope you will consider. It creates a moratorium on accepting permits for the cultivation, processing, or dispensing of marijuana in your community. Lakewood, Brunswick, and North Olmsted are a few communities that have already passed such a Resolution for the health, safety and welfare of their residents. Use of recreational marijuana legally passed in Ohio last year, but cities and townships can legally limit the impact of the law in their communities if they choose to do so by restricting permits for certain aspects of the recreational marijuana industry.

Prompt consideration and action is important on this matter if your community wants to have control of its future health, safety and welfare.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Pat Leech and John Leech in cursive script.

Pat and John Leech, Chesterland

Handwritten signatures of Linda P. Miller and Lee Miller in cursive script.

Linda and Lee Miller, Russell

Resolution No. 2023-64

By: Baker, Bullock, Litten, Marx,
Rader, Shachner

A RESOLUTION imposing an immediate moratorium on the issuance and processing of permits allowing retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of adult use marijuana within the City of Lakewood, Ohio.

WHEREAS, Ohio voters approved State Issue 2 on November 7, 2023 adopting proposed legislation authorizing the cultivation, sale and use of marijuana products for recreational purposes; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the operation of Article II, Section 1b of the Ohio Constitution, the proposed legislation now approved by Ohio voters will automatically be incorporated into the Ohio Revised Code as Sections 3780.01 through 3780.99 and become effective on December 7, 2023 with no further action required by the Ohio General Assembly (the "Act"); and,

WHEREAS, upon the passage of Issue 2, members of the Ohio General Assembly have already expressed an intention to amend the Act but have not yet clarified whether the Act will be repealed, modified, or materially altered; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3780.03 of the Act provides that a newly created "Division of Cannabis" shall adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for the implementation of the adult use marijuana program, including licensing requirements for cultivators, processors, and retailers; and

WHEREAS, the Act, as currently constituted, provides the Division of Cannabis a period of nine months after December 7, 2023 to implement rules and regulations regarding the adult use marijuana program; and

WHEREAS, Council and the Mayor intend to adopt legislation that provides for the orderly implementation of adult use cannabis in the City consistent with State laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution and local ordinances, City Council possesses the inherent power to enact appropriate planning, zoning, and business regulation laws that further the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of its citizens, including restricting, prohibiting and/or regulating certain business uses; and

WHEREAS, at least until such time as regulations are adopted, the amendments to the Act are adopted and the City has had an opportunity to study the foregoing, Council has determined it to be in the best interests of the community health, safety, and welfare to impose an immediate moratorium on any cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of marijuana for adult use business purposes in any form within the City of Lakewood, except as required by the Act; now, therefore

Be it Resolved by the City Of Lakewood, Ohio:

Section 1: Except as required by the Act, the Mayor and Council hereby impose an immediate moratorium on the issuance and processing of any permits for cultivators, processors,

Cathleen Birli

From: Crombie, Linda <LCrombie@CO.GEAUGA.OH.US>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Crombie, Linda
Subject: FW: NEO Planning and Zoning Workshop

Good morning Township Fiscal Officers, BZA and Zoning Commission secretaries, and Zoning Inspectors,

Some of you may have already received this Save the Date notice if you have attended a previous workshop. I wanted to forward it in case you are interested in attending, but please forward it to your boards and commission members as well.

As noted below, the workshop agenda will be finalized in May and the cost will be determined at that time. For the last couple of workshops the cost ranged between \$50-\$70 per attendee, which largely depends on the venue and caterer.

Friday

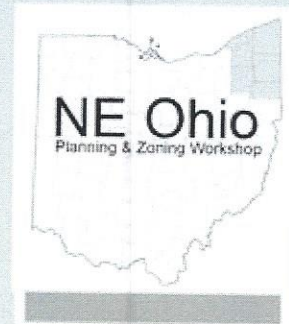
Save the Date
**Northeast Ohio
Regional Planning &
Zoning Workshop**
Willoughby Hills Community Center
June 28, 2024



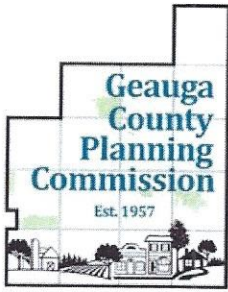
Agenda will be set beginning of May

For more information contact
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email david.radachy@lakecountyohio.gov

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Thanks and have a great day.



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