

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Town Hall
April 28, 2021

Present: Ben Kotowski, Chairman
Jim Dickinson, Vice Chairman
Barry Rogers
Nathan Wynveen
Chris Stormann

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Dickinson was acting Chairman for the start of the meeting.
Mr. Kotowski joined the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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

The public hearing Sunshine Notice was announced in the Chagrin Valley Times and the Geauga Maple Leaf, Thursday, January 21, 2021.

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

Dr. Chris Stormann was introduced to the board as the newest member.

Mr. Dickinson stated that Mr. Rogers drafted the amendments and tonight's meeting will be the signing of the procedure forms for the Geauga County Planning Commission's meeting May 11, 2021.

Commission Signed Proposed Fencing Amendment:

The Amendment will be added to section 4.6 of the Resolution Book.

Form #22 – Motion to Initiate Zoning resolution
Form #27 – Motion to set Date for Public Hearing
Form #29 – Notice of Public Hearing on (Motion)
Form #30 – Transmission of Copy of (Motion) for Proposed Amendment to County Planning Commission

Mr. Rogers made the motion for a public hearing on May 26, 2021 for the fencing 4.6 section addition to the resolution book, Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commission Signed Proposed Billboard Amendment:

The amendment will be added to section 4.11d (signs/billboards) – which prohibits signs in ALL districts.

AND

Delete entire Section 6.5h - Conditional Use Regulations.

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Mr. Rogers made the motion for a public hearing on May 26, 2021 for the billboard 4.11d section addition and the deletion to section 6.5h to the resolution book, Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commission Discussion on Zoning Resolution Book Amendments:

Research and Off Campus Buildings (6.5e): Conditional Use. This is for a 25 acre, 100,000 square foot building with 10% occupancy (400 people).

The zoning board is researching the amount of people per septic capacity and will take up discussion during future meetings.

Solar Fields: 10% of total property can be used

Wind Farms: Zoning Inspector stated there are no restrictions for wind farms.

Mr. Rogers stated that heights should not exceed 36 feet due to Fire Department regulations.

Mr. Kotowski stated there should be setbacks specified for wind farms to help regulate quantity allowed on properties.

Mr. Rogers stated the power generated should specifically used for the home.

Mr. Rogers made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Kotowski seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Cathleen Birli
Zoning Commission Secretary

Date

Mr. Ben Kotowski
Chairman

Date