

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
July 24, 2019

Present: Jim Dickinson
Mark McGrievy
Mary Lentz

Mr. Warren was absent with apologies.
Mr. Kotowski was absent with apologies.
Mrs. Walder, Zoning Secretary, was absent with apologies.

Also in attendance: Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The commission reviewed the minutes from the May 22, 2019 meeting.

Mr. McGrievy made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2019 meeting as presented. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed. Roll call vote as followed: Mr. Dickinson - yes, Ms. Lentz - abstain, Mr. McGrievy - yes.

The commission acknowledged the memo dated July 22nd with the resignation of Mr. Warren from the Zoning Commission Commission.

Mr. Dickinson made the motion to appoint Ben Kotowski as the Chairman for 2019. Ms. Lentz seconded the motion and it passed.

Ms. Lentz made the motion to appoint Mark McGrievy as the Vice-Chairman for the 2019 year. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED:

A resident suggested that the commission review the lighting resolution .

There is a concern about the lighting at the new Circle K once it is completed. Mr. Wrench advised the commission that he will need to approve the final plans, and the lighting will be under 2,500 lx (lumen). Lighting was added to the 2019 Goals as item #9. Mr. Wrench gave the commission an update on the Circle K project. Circle K is waiting on permits from the EPA, but he expects zoning permits to be requested and demolition to start in September.

Mr. Dickinson would also like to relook at yard signs, and find a way to help the Zoning Inspector enforce the zoning for them.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

The commission discussed storage containers, and would like to see what other townships are doing about them, and how they are considered in surrounding townships' zoning. The commission questioned what justification they could have for not allowing storage containers at all in Russell Township. If they allow them if there should be a 50ft set back, same as an accessory building.

Mr. Dickinson made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lentz seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Walder, appointed to serve as Secretary of the Zoning Commission **Date**

Mark McGrievy Vice-Chairman **Date**

Recorded by: J. Dorka