

**Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
November 21, 2016**

Present: Tom Warren, Chairman
Donna Weiss Carson, Vice Chairman
Jim Dickinson

Absent: Ben Kotowski

Also in attendance: Jennell Dahlhausen, Zoning Secretary; Charlie Butters; Oliver Struger.

Mr. Warren called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2016: *Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016 meeting, seconded by Ms. Weiss Carson. In favor; Mr. Warren – yes, Ms. Weiss Carson – yes, Mr. Dickinson – yes. Motion passed.*

OTHER BUSINESS: The Commission discussed the progress of the Land Use Guide Plan. It was suggested that someone look into the possibility of a Cleveland State University or Kent State University student review the plan to ensure that it flows properly and do any necessary editing. Mr. Warren asked that all changes be submitted to him by December 14th.

Mr. Warren stated a resident contacted him with concern that there may be a conflict with Amendment 2016-7 to amend the Zoning Resolution Section 4.6 Permitted Modifications and Exceptions, Section 5.2 Residential Zones and Section 7.5 Nonconforming Lots of Record, and the impervious surface section of the Zoning Resolution. The Geauga County Prosecutors Office is reviewing this matter.

The Zoning Secretary stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals has asked to hold off on their request to allow for alternates on their Board. They would like to review the 2017 meeting schedule and see if there are any attendance conflicts before the Zoning Commission amends the Zoning Resolution.

An amendment to address the new House Bill 523 was distributed and discussed. The amendment would add the term Medical Marijuana to the Zoning Code and add a section under prohibited uses for the cultivating, processing, or retail dispensing of medical marijuana. This was the recommendation of the Geauga County Planning Commission and was reviewed by the Geauga County Prosecutors Office.

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Dickinson moved to enter into executive session pursuant Section 121.22(G) of the Ohio Revised Code to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Ms. Weiss Carson. In favor; Mr. Warren – yes, Ms. Weiss Carson – yes, Mr. Dickinson – yes. Motion passed.

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Dickinson moved to exit executive session, seconded by Ms. Weiss Carson. In favor; Mr. Warren – yes, Ms. Weiss Carson – yes, Mr. Dickinson – yes. Motion passed.

Being that there was no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Warren moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dickinson. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jennell Dahlhausen
Zoning Secretary

Date

Tom Warren
Chairman

Date