

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
May 22, 2019

Present: Jim Dickinson
Ben Kotowski
Mark McGrievy

Mr. Warren was absent with apologies.
Ms. Lentz 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 board reviewed the minutes from the April 24, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Dickinson made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2019 meeting as presented. Mr. McGrievy seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Kotowski made the motion to discuss the 2019 Zoning Commission goals. Mr. McGrievy seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Kotowski advised the board that Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District (GSWCD) puts on 6-8 educational workshops throughout the year, and with the goal of educating the residents, the Zoning Commission could advise residents of the workshops. The Zoning Inspector advised the board that there are Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District pamphlets in the Zoning Office.

The Zoning Inspector, Shane Wrench advised the board that he talked to the townships APA about creating an architectural review board, and they couldn't regulate materials used or the aesthetics. Mr. Wrench advised that the board couldn't regulate anymore than they do now.

Mr. Dickinson asked the Zoning Inspector if there was a contact in the OTA. Mr. Dickinson would like to know what the latest take on a townships abilities with an architectural review board. Could this board help regulate commercial structures in the future? Mr. Dickinson also asked if there was a portal on the township website for residents to get to storm water information. Mr. Wrench said there is a link that will take you to the storm water webpage.

The board discussed storage containers, and if there could be a limit on how long they are permitted, and where they are permitted on the property. The board discussed storage containers and since they are placed on the ground if this makes them structures, or if they could have a temporary use?

The board discussed driveway width and that ODOT determines what is permitted.

Mr. Dickinson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McGrievy seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ben Kotowski Vice Chairman **Date**

Recorded by: J. Dorka

