

Russell Township Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes

Russell Township Hall

Date: May 12, 2025

Present: Mr. Steve Gokorsch, Chairman
Mr. Dushan Boucek, Vice-Chairman
Mr. William Downing
Ms. Adrienne Knauer
Mr. Mark McGrievy

Regrets: Ms. Nicole Mulloy

Mr. Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector & Bonnie Guyer, Zoning Secretary in attendance

Meeting Notice published in the Chagrin Valley Times and Geauga Maple Leaf

Also in attendance:

Kathy Jankowski, Knight & Stolar, Inc.
Brian Rafferty, Laurel School Butler Campus Manager
Ethan Schwartz, Laurel School Director of Facilities
Attendees were sworn in by Mr. Gokorsch

Chairman Gokorsch opened the meeting at 7:00pm

I. Organization

Mr. Downing moved to continue Mr. Gokorsch as Chairman and Mr. Boucek as Vice-Chairman. Mr. McGrievy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Gokorsch introduced Adrienne Knauer as the newest board member replacing the retiring Bill Downing.

II. Bill Downing Recognition

Chairman Gokorsch presented Mr. Downing with a proclamation from the Russell Township Trustees recognizing his years of dedicated service to the Board of Zoning Appeals and for his dedication to public service.
All in attendance thanked Mr. Downing for his leadership and dedication.

III. Laurel School

Ms. Kathy Jankowski summarized the Laurel School Environmental Plan noting students and staff integrate activities with the school's environmental goals. Ms. Jankowski, Mr. Rafferty and Mr. Schwartz further noted:

- invasive species control efforts,
- new construction has not resulted in any erosion concerns,
- Gauga Soil & Water Conservation District has been onsite twice verifying compliance.

*Mr. McGrievy moved to accept Laurel School Environmental Management Plan.
Mr. Boucek seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

IV. May 17th Joint Meeting

It was noted the status of the Resolution Book update with be one of the agenda items.

Downing

V. September 9 minutes

No comments regarding the minutes.

Mr. Boucek moved to accept the September 9, 2024, minutes. Mr. McGrievy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There were no comments regarding Findings of Fact for Variance 565.

Mr. McGrievy moved to accept the Findings of Fact. Mr. Boucek seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

VI. December 2 minutes

No comments regarding the minutes.

Mr. Downing moved to accept the December 2, 2024, minutes. Mr. McGrievy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There were no comments regarding Finding of Fact Variance # 567.

Mr. Downing moved to accept the Findings of Fact. Mr. McGrievy seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

VII. Other

No additional business.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:35P.M.

 6/2/25

Steve Gokorsch
Chairman

Date

 6-2-2025

Bonnie Guyer
Zoning Secretary

Date