

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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, July 15, 2021.

Mr. Wynveen made the motion to accept the meeting agenda, Mr. Rogers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Kotowski – yes, Mr. Dickinson – yes, Mr. Rogers – yes, Dr. Stormann – yes, Mr. Wynveen – yes.

Billboard Amendment:

Geauga County Planning Commission approved with a modification:

1. Recommend Section 6.5(H) be marked as “Reserved” as it is not the last listed conditional use.

Mr. Kotowski asked the board if there were comments on the Geauga County Planning Commission’s approval with a modification.

Mr. Rogers stated “Reserved” specifies it is not the last one on the list.

Zoning secretary stated if the modification is accepted the public hearing will take place at the August 25, 2021 Zoning Commission meeting.

Mr. Kotowski made the motion to accept the “Reserved” modification to the 6.5(H) section from the Geauga County Planning Commission, Mr. Rogers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Kotowski – yes, Mr. Dickinson – yes, Mr. Rogers – yes, Dr. Stormann – yes, Mr. Wynveen – yes.

Mr. Rogers made the motion for a public hearing on August 25, 2021 for the revised billboard amendment to the resolution book, Mr. Wynveen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Kotowski – yes, Mr. Dickinson – yes, Mr. Rogers – yes, Dr. Stormann – yes, Mr. Wynveen – yes.

Mr. Kotowski asked the board if they had any topics for the special meeting on August 21, 2021.

Mr. Dickinson stated the meeting will include Russell Township Trustees, Russell Township Board of Zoning Appeals and Linda Crombie, Planning Director for the Geauga County Planning Commission.

Mr. Wynveen suggested asking the Trustees what their thoughts are going forward for the Township.

Mr. Rogers suggested stating the Zoning Commission concerns, plans, and issues to the trustees.

The commission discussed three possible topics:

Corner of Music Street and Chillicothe Road: Zoning Changes

Planned Residential Development: Promoting smaller lots with a conservation area, keeping with the current zoning requirements.

Comments from the Public:

Mr. Butters would like storage facilities and outdoor lighting to be discussed at the special meeting.

Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes from the June 23, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Dickinson made the motion to accept the minutes from the June 23, 2021 meeting, pending corrections, Mr. Kotowski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Kotowski – yes, Mr. Dickinson – yes, Mr. Rogers – yes, Dr. Stormann – yes, Mr. Wynveen – yes.

Mr. Kotowski made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Rogers seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

