

**Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Township Community Room
March 25, 2026**

Present: Jim Dickinson
Barry Rogers
Shannon Stanich
Chris Stormann

Regrets: Nathan Wynveen

Also in attendance Frank Kolk, Zoning Inspector

Agenda:

I. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

II. Previous Business

o Short Term Rentals

Prior to the March 25th meeting Mr. Wynveen did connect with Representative Demetriou regarding S.B. 104. While Representative Demetriou didn't know if the bill will actually pass, he noted committee members as well as members of the community can provide in-person or written testimony. Further his office will assist in connecting Mr. Wynveen with the Committee Chair's Office to submit testimony if we are interested.

The Russell Township Trustees support the Zoning Commission opposition to S.B.104.

Dave Dietrick advised prior to the meeting that the bill is still in committee with positive and negative testimony, he suggested immediate action does not appear to be warranted but should be monitored. If the bill moves out of committee, then action would be appropriate.

- o Zoning FAQs – still in development
- o Geauga Mining – noted that there is no mining activity in Russell Township and no further action is warranted.

- Water Wells - appreciation to Dr. Stormann for the information regarding water wells in Russell Township, recognizing that water wells are integral to our zoning. No further action is warranted at this time.

III. Possible Zoning Resolution for electric vehicle charging stations

Discussion centered on commercial EV charging stations and potential need for zoning amendment. Will continue research

Fire Department will provide a checklist on the topic from information they have received.

Dr. Stormann and Ms. Stanich reported on a recent OTA webinar which included discussions of EV's. Other townships have or are considering implementing EV's in their Zoning Resolutions.

IV. Current Topics

Zoning & Data Centers- discussed pending issue in Ohio regarding data centers. Chairman Rogers reported on a discussion with Dave Dietruck regarding this issue asking if he recommended revisions to the Zoning Resolution to clarify data center issues. Mr. Dietrick recommended no action at this time since the township is not attractive to Data Centers due to limited land and water availability. Further, data center would need to be in an industrial zoning district.

The committee agreed to monitor the topic but take no further action at this time.

V. Review and Accept February Minutes

February 25, 2026, minutes were reviewed and there were no additional comments.

Dr. Stormann motioned to accept February 25, 2026, minutes. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was Ms. Stanich-yes; Dr. Stormann-yes; Mr. Dickinson-yes; Mr. Rogers-yes. The motion passed.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.


Respectively Submitted,



Barry Rogers, Chairman

4-22-2026

Date



Bonnie Guyer, Zoning Secretary

4-22-2026

Date

