

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Town Hall
February 23, 2022

Present: Mr. Ben Kotowski, Chairman
Mr. Barry Rogers, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jim Dickinson
Mr. Nathan Wynveen
Dr. Chris Stormann

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Also in attendance: Mr. Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector; Mrs. Cathleen Birli, Zoning Secretary

The 2022 Schedule, Sunshine Notice, was announced in the Chagrin Valley Times and the Geauga Maple Leaf, Thursday, December 23, 2021.

Mr. Wynveen made the motion to accept the meeting agenda, Mr. Kotowski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Kotowski made the motion to amend the meeting agenda to discuss 2022 Goals/Objectives, Mr. Rogers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Music Street and Chillicothe Road Intersection:

Mr. Wynveen drafted a letter for the owners that shows we are interested in helping them improve the area.

The letter will be finalized at the March 23, 2022 meeting and then be presented to the Trustees for their approval.

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU):

Mr. Rogers informed the board that California passed a new law that would force communities around a city to accept ADU's for affordable housing units.

New York tried to pass this law but was defeated. Columbus, Ohio also tried but failed.

The Board wants to be pro-active and draft a definition to alleviate this issue.

The Board agreed this will be a question for Mr. Dave Dietrich when he starts the Resolution Book update.

Additional Goal/Objectives 2022:

Commercial Development: Built into the commercial zoning i.e., buffering/screening
Mailboxes Construction: Update safety issues

Previously Discussed:

Resolution Book
Joint Meetings with BZA and Trustees
Music Street and Chillicothe Road Intersection

Other Business:

Air BNB's: Zoning Inspector is waiting on Prosecutor's report.

Resolution Book Update: Zoning Inspector stated that the Trustees are waiting for the new 2022 proposal from Mr. Dietrich, if received, they should approve at their March meeting.

No Public Comments were Received

Minutes:

The Mr. Kotowski signed the approved minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 26, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Rogers made the motion to accept the minutes, with modifications, from the January 26, 2022 meeting. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Rogers made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Cathleen Birli 4-27-22
Mrs. Cathleen Birli Date
Zoning Commission Secretary

Ben Kotowski 04/27/2022
Mr. Ben Kotowski Date
Chairman