

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

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

Mr. Ben Kotowski, Chairman, was absent with apologies.

Mr. Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector, was absent with apologies.

Also in attendance: Mrs. Cathleen Birli, Zoning Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Dave Dietrich introduced himself to the Zoning Commission Board. He was the Geauga County Planning Commission Director for over 30 years.

Mr. Dietrich will be updating our Resolution Book. He stated that he updated the resolution books for Munson Township, Huntsburg, Bainbridge, Thompson, Newbury and Chesterland.

His goals are to research section by section and highlight areas to be removed/and or changed. All his changes will be reviewed by the Commissioners, then presented to the County Prosecutor and Trustees for review. This process could take from 12 to 18 months.

Mr. Rogers asked if there could be diagrams for some topics? Mr. Dietrich said Yes. Other townships have illustrations/diagrams in their resolution book.

Dr. Stormann suggested map layers for zoning and protected easements i.e. Western Reserve Land Conservancy's. Mr. Dietrich said Yes. There can be a separate map showing recorded easements.

Dr. Stormann also suggested having a reader friendly version so the average person is able to understand the language.

Dr. Stormann also suggested having “Frequently Asked Questions (FOQ)” on the website for easy answers to the most asked questions.

Comments were Received

Mr. Charlie Butters, River Glen Road, asked if light pollution could be addressed.

Mr. Dietrich will look at that section but stated that light trespassing is difficult to enforce.

Music Street and Chillicothe Road Intersection:

The Board reviewed the drafted a letter for the owners that shows interest in helping the owners improve the area.

The second draft letter will be reviewed and finalized at the April 27, 2022 meeting. The finale letter will be presented to the Trustees and the County Prosecutor.

Wetland Setback Code:

Mr. Rogers will look into the definition.

Air BNB Legal Action Update:

The Trustees approved the Resolution for legal action. The form was presented to the County Prosecutor to move forward.

Minutes:

The board signed amended minutes from the January 26, 2022 meeting.

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Wynveen made the motion to accept the minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting, as amended. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Dickinson made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Wynveen seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

