

Minutes: Russell Township Board of Zoning Appeals  
Russell Fire-Rescue Station  
April 1, 2019

Present: Steve Gokorsch, Chairman  
Nick Grassi  
Dushan Bouchek  
Sarah Moore, Vice-Chairman

Also in attendance: Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector.

Mr. Downing was absent with apologies.  
Mrs. Walder, Zoning Secretary, was absent with apologies.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**LAUREL SCHOOL CONDITIONAL USE #380:** Annual review of Environmental Management Plan.

Kathy Jankowski, Brian Rafferty, and Mary Ann Pellerano were present to answer any questions that the Board had about the annual Environmental Management Plan for Laurel School. Adjustments to the zones that are fertilized are being considered. There are plans to improve the pond, by adding native fish next year. Over the next two years the invasive survey will be redone.

Mr. Gokorsch advised that according to the report the water quality is maintained very well. He ask what type of fish will be added to the pond. Mr. Rafferty advised the board that they are considering largemouth bass, bluegill, and amur carp.

Mr. Grassi asked what the main use of the grounds are. The grounds are mostly used for an athletic campus, and as an environmental classroom. There is a pre K class that goes outside there every day. There are also four buildings on the campus.

Mr. Gokorsch ask what the odds were of having more events on the campus? At one point it was an idea that the school had, but it was only an idea. There are no plans to have more events on site.

*Ms. Moore made the motion to approve the Laurel School's annual review of their Environmental Management Plan. Mr. Grassi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2019** – *Ms. Moore made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Grassi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Bouchek made the motion to approve the Finding of Fact for Circle K as presented. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECIEVED.**

Ms. Moore advised the board that she still would like to remove the sign in sheet from the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings, due to the fact that people are abusing it, and leaving the meetings immediately after signing in. Ms. Moore is not comfortable letting the sign in sheet be abused. Mr. Gokorsch advised the board that in his time with the Board of Zoning Appeals he has never gone back to review a sign in sheet after the meeting, or has a copy of the sign in sheet requested. Any resident who testify in a hearing is identified by name and address and that is put in the minutes, finding of fact, or transcripts as record.

*Ms. Moore made the motion to no longer have a sign in sheet at the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. Mr. Bouchek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

There being no other business, Ms. Moore made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Boucheck seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Walder, appointed to serve as Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals **Date**

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Steve Gokorsch Chairman **Date**

Recorded by: J. Dorka