

**Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
January 18, 2017**

Present: Tom Warren, Chairman
Ben Kotowski, Vice Chairman
Jim Dickinson

Also in attendance: Jennell Dahlhausen, Zoning Secretary; Lee Miller; John & Pat Leech.

Mr. Warren called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Dickinson moved to open the Public Hearing on Amendment 2016-8 to the Zoning Resolution, seconded by Mr. Kotowski. Motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT 2016-8 – AMENDING THE RUSSELL TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION, SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 4.7.X AS FOLLOWS: adding the term medical marijuana and adding cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of Medical Marijuana to prohibited uses.

Mr. Warren stated that the Geauga County Planning Commission reviewed the amendment and recommended its approval.

The Secretary stated the Public Hearing was properly advertised in the Chagrin Valley Times.

Mr. Leech commented that although he lives in Chesterland, he agrees with the proposed amendment 2016-8.

There was no additional public comment concerning the amendment.

Mr. Dickinson moved to close the public hearing for amendment 2016-8, seconded by Mr. Kotowski. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kotowski moved to recommend the approval of amendment 2016-8 to the Russell Township Zoning Resolution, consisting of 3 pages marked as Exhibit A, adding the term Medical Marijuana to the Zoning Resolution and adding a section under prohibited uses for the cultivating, processing, or retail dispensing of medical marijuana, seconded by Mr. Dickinson. Roll call: Mr. Warren – yes, Mr. Kotowski – yes, Mr. Dickinson – yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Warren said the next process for the amendment is its final approval from the Trustees.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016: Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Kotowski didn't receive the minutes by email. Mr. Warren checked his email account and stated they were sent earlier

