

**Minutes: Russell Township Board of Zoning Appeals  
Russell Fire-Rescue Station  
June 6, 2016**

Present: Steve Gokorsch, Chairman  
Sarah Moore  
William Downing  
Dushan Boucek  
Nick Grassi

Also in attendance: Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector; Jennifer Dorka, Assistant to the Fiscal Officer;

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

The Board welcomed Ms. Dahlhausen, who was recently hired as the Zoning Secretary. Ms. Dahlhausen briefly informed the board of her previous 9 years of government experience.

**MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2016:** *Mr. Downing moved to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting as presented, seconded by Ms. Moore. In favor; Mr. Gokorsch, Ms. Moore, Mr. Downing, Mr. Boucek, Mr. Grassi. Motion passed unanimously.*

**MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016:** *Mr. Downing moved to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Boucek. In favor; Mr. Gokorsch, Mr. Downing, Mr. Boucek, Mr. Grassi. Abstained: Ms. Moore. Motion passed.*

**FINDINGS OF FACT:** The Board reviewed the Findings of Facts from the previous meeting. The Board postponed the Findings of Facts review for Rogers appeal #492 until the July meeting.

*Mr. Downing moved to approve the Findings of Facts for variance request #493 from John Quinn at 14331 Crestview Drive, seconded by Mr. Grassi. In favor; Mr. Gokorsch, Mr. Downing, Mr. Grassi. Abstained; Ms. Moore, Mr. Boucek. Motion passed.*

Mr. Boucek stated under the heading "final vote" page 2 of the Findings of Facts for variance request #494, the request # is listed as 493 and should be 494. Mr. Bouchak is also listed as an abstain vote but voted in favor of the request. *Mr. Grassi moved to approve the Findings of Facts as amended for variance request #494 from Mary Beth Dale at 14741 Chillicothe Road, seconded by Mr. Downing. In favor; Mr. Gokorsch, Mr. Downing, Mr. Boucek, Mr. Grassi. Abstained: Ms. Moore. Motion passed.*

Mr. Boucek stated under the heading "final vote," page 2 of the Findings of Facts for variance request #495, he is listed as an abstain vote but voted in favor of the request. *Mr. Downing moved to approve the Findings of Facts as amended for variance request #495 from Gregory G. Powers at 14180 Watt Road, seconded by Mr. Boucek. In favor; Mr. Gokorsch, Mr. Downing, Mr. Boucek, Mr. Grassi. Abstained: Ms. Moore. Motion passed.*

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Zoning Inspector informed the Board that Peter Rodgers is appealing the denial of his appeal #491. Mr. Gokorsch will send a letter to the Geauga County Prosecutors Office concerning perjury charges against Mr. Rogers.

The Zoning Inspector advised the Board that Joyce Builders appealed the denial of their variance request and the court ruled in favor of the Joyce Builders. The Board asked that a copy of the case be emailed to them.

Ms. Moore informed the Board about a recent Ohio Supreme Court decision concerning a violation of the Sunshine Law by emailing other Board members about business that should have been discussed in an open meeting. Ms. Moore reminded everyone to refrain from responding to any emails with their opinion on a topic. All comments should be discussed at a public meeting.

Mr. Gokorsch asked for a copy of the Zoning Secretary job description. He said he would like to see if the recent recommendations from the Board were included.

Being that there was no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Downing moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Grassi. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Jennell Dahlhausen, Zoning Secretary

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Steve Gokorsch, Chairman