

**Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
February 28, 2018**

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

Also in attendance: Jennell Dahlhausen, Zoning Secretary; Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector; David Ramsey.

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

MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2018: *Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Kotowski. Motion passed unanimously.*

2018 GOALS: The Commission discussed changes to the zoning definitions and generator placement. The Zoning Inspector was asked if there are any current issues with the placement of generators on any properties. There aren't any issues as far as the Zoning Office is aware. The Zoning Secretary was asked to send the Commission recommendations for additions and revisions to the definition section, and for a setback on generators.

The Commission also discussed the request from BZA to allow for a different setback for pavilions. The Fire Chief sent a letter advising against revising the setback, which the Commission said they support.

The placement of storage containers on residential properties was also discussed. There is concern that residents may start to use them as a permanent accessory structure. The Zoning Secretary checked with Bainbridge and Chesterland, who both don't regulate them. The Commission asked that she check with the Geauga County Planning Commissioner to see if he has any recommendation on regulating them.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Commission spoke with Mr. Ramsey, who has plans to purchase the Wiegand's Lake property and possibly start a holistic retreat center at this location. He said this will entail building a dining center somewhere on the property and he would like to build cabins around the lake where guests could stay. The property is being advertised as zoned Passive Park District (PPD) but it is currently zoned Residential 3 (R3). The Zoning Inspector will look into this use to see if it is permissible to be utilized as Mr. Ramsey wishes.

Being that there was no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Kotowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dickinson. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Jennell Dahlhausen
Zoning Secretary

Date

Tom Warren
Chairman

Date