

Minutes: Russell Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
March 1, 2010

Present: Steve Gokorsch, Chairman
Edith Lerner, Ph.D.
Justin Madden
Diana Steffen, Secretary

Fred Cuffari and William Downing were absent with apologies.

Also in attendance: Ric Machnics, Zoning Inspector.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**LAUREL SCHOOL Conditional Use #380
Annual Review of Environmental Management Plan**

In attendance on behalf of Laurel School were Mary Ann Pellerano, Director of Facilities Services, Sean Card, Groundskeeper, and Kathy Jankowski of Knight & Stolar, Inc. The Chairman swore in the Laurel School representatives, the Zoning Inspector and all citizens in attendance who wished to comment.

The annual update was received at the Zoning Office on 2/22/10. Mindy Hayes of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners reviewed and approved the update on behalf of the Township. Kathy Jankowski stated that the program is going well, and she introduced the groundskeeper, Sean Card. He will make some adjustments to the documentation required, as requested by Ms. Hayes during her review. They have decreased chemical usage, there were no problems with the ponds, the building of the new fitness center is on schedule, and there are no environmental issues. They are continuing to work on eradicating invasive species, especially buckthorn, and will give Sean a list of invasive species so that he can identify them, including purple loosestrife. Ms. Pellerano said the school is considering having the students pull invasive weeds, and some parents have volunteered to help as well.

Asked by Mr. Gokorsch about the lighting, Ms. Pellerano said they are having a problem with one light, but when it is working she will ask Mr. Machnics to go and look at the driveway lights. There is one part of the parking lot that does not have a stanchion but does need a light, so she will discuss this with Mr. Machnics. She is pleased with the down lighting that makes pools of light on the ground, but there is one light near the road entrance that she is questioning, as it seems to shine towards Fairmount Road.

Asked by Mr. Gokorsch about the lighting for the signs on the wall at the entrance, Ms. Pellerano said they have not been installed yet, but she has asked for them to be changed to down lighting also. They will be fixed on the walls themselves.

