

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Town Hall
February 12, 2007

Present: Richard E. Snyder, Chairman
Bruce Murphy
Eileen Rogers
Donna Weiss Carson
Diana Steffen, Secretary

Also in attendance: Ric Machnics, Zoning Inspector and James Dickinson, Trustee.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2007 – *Mrs. Rogers made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Mr. Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Weiss Carson abstained due to her absence from that meeting.*

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT #2007-1
Section 4.13 Water Management & Sediment Control**

A legal notice was published on February 1, 2007, in the News Herald and Chagrin Valley Times and has been posted at the Administration Building since that date. The amendment has been available for review at the Fiscal Officer's office for the last 10 days.

Mr. Murphy made the motion to open the public hearing for Amendment #2007-1, Mrs. Rogers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman explained that this amendment adds paragraphs that are in the County Model Zoning Resolution as well as additional language to regulate disturbance of land prior to someone applying for a zoning permit. Mrs. Rogers questioned wording in A.5, which gives the Zoning Inspector thirty working days to review a stormwater plan. After discussion with Mr. Machnics, the Commission removed the word 'working' from the sentence, allowing a thirty-day review period.

There were no further comments from the Commission or the public. Mr. Snyder explained that since the Geauga County Planning Commission has not yet met to make a recommendation, the public hearing cannot be closed.

Mr. Murphy made the motion to continue the public hearing for Amendment #2007-1 to the next regularly-scheduled meeting, Ms. Weiss Carson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT #2007-2
Section 8.4 Zoning Commission and 9.5 Board of Zoning Appeals – Meetings**

A legal notice was published on February 1, 2007, in the News Herald and Chagrin Valley Times and has been posted at the Administration Building since that date. The amendment has been available for review at the Fiscal Officer's office for the last 10 days.

Ms. Weiss Carson made the motion to open the public hearing for Amendment #2007-2, Mr. Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals sent the Commission a memo requesting the change to Section 9.5 Meetings. This amendment allows the board to cancel any regular meeting if there is no business, rather than only July and August meetings. The Commission has made a similar change to Section 8.4 Meetings: Quorum.

