

Minutes: Russell Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
January 10, 2011

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

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

Dr. Lerner, whose term expired on 12/31/10, had submitted a letter to the Board of Trustees that she did not wish to be reappointed due to new professional commitments. It is understood that at its meeting of 12/15/10 the Board of Trustees accepted Dr. Lerner's resignation with regret, but extended her term to 01/15/11 so that she could participate in approval of minutes and findings of fact from the meeting of 12/06/10.

Mr. Madden was appointed by the Board of Trustees on 12/01/2010 to the vacant position on the Zoning Commission for a full five-year term commencing 01/01/11. However, on 12/15/11 the Board extended his term on the B.Z.A. to 01/15/11 so that he could participate in approval of minutes and findings of fact from the meeting of 12/06/10. His appointment to the Zoning Commission was delayed until 01/16/11.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – *Mr. Downing moved to open nominations for officers for 2011, Mr. Cuffari seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Downing nominated Mr. Gokorsch to continue as Chairman and Mr. Cuffari to continue as Vice-Chairman for 2011, Mr. Madden seconded.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Downing moved to close nominations, Dr. Lerner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon roll call the vote for officers for 2011 was Mr. Cuffari – yes, Mr. Downing – yes, Dr. Lerner – yes, Mr. Madden – yes, Mr. Gokorsch – yes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gokorsch and Mr. Cuffari were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2011.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2010 – *Dr. Lerner made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Mr. Cuffari seconded, and upon roll call the vote was Mr. Cuffari – yes, Dr. Lerner – yes, Mr. Madden – yes, Mr. Gokorsch – yes, and the motion passed by 4-0. Mr. Downing abstained due to his absence from that meeting.*

FINDINGS OF FACT #455 MELKERSON – *Mr. Cuffari proposed a change in wording to factor (b), in order to clarify that the front setback was the issue, not frontage. This was accepted by the board. Dr. Lerner made the motion to approve the Findings of Fact for Appeal #455 with the changes noted, Mr. Madden seconded and upon roll call the vote was Mr. Cuffari – yes, Dr. Lerner – yes, Mr. Madden – yes, Mr. Gokorsch – yes, and the motion passed by 4-0. Mr. Downing abstained due to his absence from that hearing.*

FINDINGS OF FACT #456 MELKERSON – *Dr. Lerner made the motion to approve the Findings of Fact for Appeal #456 as written and submitted, Mr. Madden seconded and upon roll call the vote was Mr. Cuffari – yes, Dr. Lerner – yes, Mr. Madden – yes, Mr. Gokorsch – yes, and the motion passed by 4-0. Mr. Downing abstained due to his absence from that hearing.*

DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS – The Chairman said the Board of Trustees may be considering the appointment of one or more alternates to the board. It is not known whether an alternate

