Minutes: Russell Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
March 7, 2011

Present: Steve Gokorsch, Chairman
Fred Cuffari
William Downing
Charles Johns
John Rybak
Diana Steffen, Secretary

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

MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2011 – *Mr. Downing made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Mr. Cuffari seconded and the motion passed unanimously by 3-0.* Mr. Johns and Mr. Rybak abstained since they were not members of the board at that time and were not in attendance.

FINDINGS OF FACT #457 MONAHAN – During discussion it was agreed to delete the size of the accessory building from the first paragraph and from factor b).

Mr. Downing made the motion to approve the Findings of Fact for Variance Request #457 as amended, Mr. Cuffari seconded and the motion passed unanimously by 3-0. Mr. Johns and Mr. Rybak abstained.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Mr. Gokorsch welcomed the two new members to the board. Mr. Johns and Mr. Rybak talked about their careers and their previous work in public life. Mr. Johns was a councilman in Gates Mills before moving to Russell, and Mr. Rybak was a township trustee for several terms in Northfield Center.

TOWNSHIP ZONING WORKSHOP TOPICS – The board reviewed the topics discussed at the previous workshop in 2009, and reviewed topics the board has asked be added to the agenda for the workshop scheduled for March 21st.

OTHER BUSINESS – Mr. Johns said he would like to visit Laurel School's Butler Campus to familiarize himself with the site since the board expects to be reviewing the Environmental Management Plan next month.

There being no other business, Mr. Cuffari moved to adjourn, Mr. Downing seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diana Steffen Date
Secretary

Steve Gokorsch Date
Chairman

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