

Minutes: Russell Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Russell Town Hall
March 23, 2009

Present: Steve Gokorsch, Chairman
Fred Cuffari
William Downing
Diana Steffen, Secretary

Dr. Edith Lerner and Matthew Galemme were absent with apologies.

Also in attendance: Ric Machnics, Zoning Inspector, and Kristina Port, Trustee, who arrived during the meeting.

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, and Kathy Jankowski of Knight & Stolar, Inc.

Ms. Jankowski stated that she submitted the Environmental Management Plan (E.M.P.) update to the Township and to its consultant, the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, on 2/26/09. The plan was reviewed by C.R.W.P. Program Associate Mindy Hayes who wrote her comments to Ms. Jankowski on 3/11/09. Ms. Jankowski responded to these comments on 3/18/09 resulting in approval of the plan by C.R.W.P. on 3/18/09.

Ms. Jankowski said most of the issues raised were due to a change in personnel. There was less fertilizing and fewer inspections of the storm water system in 2008. They have a new grounds manager who is aware of the importance of timely inspections of the storm water system and correct procedures for fertilizers and herbicides. He will be expected to complete in detail the daily and monthly logs. Mr. Downing asked who monitors the personnel for follow-through on procedures. Ms. Pellerano explained that they report to her directly. She said before the use of any new chemical she checks with Ms. Jankowski. There are two long-term employees at the site who are very reliable. Now that she lives in Russell, Ms. Pellerano said she is at the site much more often.

Mr. Gokorsch asked about the amount of fertilizer used in 2008. Ms. Jankowski said that because half as much fertilizer was used they are evaluating soil tests taken and will determine the need for 2009. She said they plan to review the E.M.P. midway through the season to see that they are on track. They will also review procedures with the staff on site.

Mr. Gokorsch asked if there were any serious erosion issues with Griswold Creek. Ms. Jankowski said there is always some erosion near Fairmount Road where it meanders, but

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