

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Fire-Rescue Station
July 25, 2012

Present: Richard E. Snyder, Chairman
Bruce Murphy
Donna Weiss Carson
Tom Warren

Ben Kotowski was absent.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., and announced that he would record the notes of the meeting in the absence of the secretary who was on vacation.

MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2012 – *Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Ms. Weiss Carson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

LAND USE GUIDE PLAN UPDATE – The Commission discussed its progress on a number of topics.

Residents' Survey – Regarding the timing of the mailing of the residents' survey on land use in Russell Township, the Commission agreed that between mid October and mid November would be ideal. Mr. Snyder said he will contact three universities to solicit letters of interest and statements of qualifications. The universities are the University of Akron (Professor Jay Lee), Cleveland State University and Youngstown State University. The Commission discussed adding a question on oil/gas drilling and fracking, and will further discuss this at another meeting.

Forum: 'Water Matters: Fracking and Russell's Aquifers' – Mr. Warren updated the Commission on his progress in organizing the September 13th program. He discussed the timing of public notifications, security and notes on the Township website. He said he will contact a professor at Case Western Reserve University to ask if she would be interested in sitting on the panel.

There being no other business, Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn, Mr. Warren seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Snyder
Chairman
(Secretary pro-tem)