

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission
Russell Town Hall
July 16, 2007

Present: Richard E. Snyder, Chairman
Bruce Murphy
Elizabeth Rader
Eileen Rogers
Donna Weiss Carson
Jayne Paullin, Secretary Pro Tem

Also in attendance: Ric Machnics, Zoning Inspector.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2007 – *Ms. Weiss Carson moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007, as submitted, Mr. Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT 2007-3 Section 2 – Definitions

Mrs. Paullin confirmed that the legal notice for Amendment 2007-3 was published in the Chagrin Valley Times and News Herald on 07/05/07 and was also posted at the Administration Building. The amendment was available at the Fiscal Officer's Office for review for 10 days prior to the hearing.

Mr. Murphy made the motion to open the public hearing for Amendment 2007-3, Mrs. Rogers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Snyder explained that this amendment removes the numbering of each definition in Section 2. Since the definitions are in alphabetical order, each time a new definition is added the paragraph numbers of the existing definitions (after the new one) have to be changed. The numbers are not referenced elsewhere in the Zoning Resolution and this amendment will make it simpler to add new definitions. David Dietrich sent a letter dated 07/11/07 advising that the Geauga County Planning Commission voted at its meeting on 07/10/07 to recommend approval of the proposed amendment. There were no comments from the audience.

Ms. Weiss Carson made the motion to close the public hearing for Amendment 2007-3, Mr. Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rogers made the motion that the Russell Township Zoning Commission recommend the approval of the proposed amendment to the Russell Township Zoning Resolution as attached hereto, Mr. Murphy seconded and upon roll call the vote was Mr. Murphy – yes, Ms. Rader – yes, Mrs. Rogers – yes, Ms. Weiss Carson – yes, Mr. Snyder – yes, and the motion passed unanimously.

RIPARIAN SETBACKS – Mr. Snyder said he and Mr. Murphy met with David Dietrich of the Geauga County Planning Commission, Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Carmella Shale of the Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District and legal counsel

