

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 10, 2019

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those serving and those who have served.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Sean Giblin, Chair; Jim Mayberry, Vice Chair, Dee Tripp, Secretary, Dan Stout, Member; Pete Rich, Member. John Paine, Alternate – unexcused absence.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to accept the minutes of the 8/13/2019 meeting as corrected. Pete Rich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jim Mayberry-yes; Sean Giblin-yes; Pete Rich-yes; Dee Tripp-yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

We had a guest speaker - Stephanie Dyer, Environmental Program Manager with Eastgate and member of AWARE (Alliance for Watershed Action & Resource Education). She introduced ways to maintain good quality water found in Middle Meander Creek watershed and its many tributaries of which Ellsworth is a part. She reported that the EPA conducted a survey in 2013 and found Meander to be the “emerald city” of the Mahoning River because of its water quality. We learned the importance of protecting wetlands and riparian areas, building near the water’s edge, the benefits of permeable pavers, and maintaining efficient septic systems. Also, with Ellsworth being a largely Agricultural community, there was discussion on the challenges between protecting both the farmlands and the environment. A large number of issues were covered and following the presentation many questions and comments were addressed. If anyone wishes to contact Stephanie with further questions, her email address is: sdyer@eastgatecog.org.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to adjourn. Pete Rich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pete Rich-yes; Jim Mayberry-yes; Sean Giblin-yes; Dan Stout-yes; Dee Tripp-yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 PM.

Dolores Tripp, Secretary