

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 8, 2022

The meeting opened at 6:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those serving and those who have served.

Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. Members present: Sean Giblin, Chair; Jim Mayberry, Vice Chair, Dan Stout, Member; Roni Massullo, Member; Jim Gilmartin, Alternate and Dee Tripp, Secretary.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 8, 2022 Regular meeting. Seconded by Jim Gilmartin. Roll call vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as submitted.

New Business – Guest Speaker

Sean Giblin introduced the guest speaker: Sarah Spence, Executive Director, Land & Liberty Coalition. This group is an initiative of the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum, and is made up of farmers and land owners interested in protecting their property rights. Taylor Christian, Field Director of Land & Liberty was also present. Sarah presented helpful information on best practices and gave us several links to townships who have solar ordinances in their zoning resolutions. Taylor offered to help us as we begin composing regulations on solar systems for Ellsworth Zoning.

After a brief recess, the Zoning Commission began a review of the current Ellsworth Zoning Fees including a comparison of fees from surrounding communities. Following a lengthy discussion on the formula used to calculate the building permit fee, it was agreed that each member would study the information and resume discussion next month. Additionally, Dee will obtain more detailed information from our neighboring communities.

Dan Stout made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jim Gilmartin. Roll call vote was unanimous to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

Dolores Tripp, Secretary