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2015 Minutes of Ellsworth Zoning Meeting Work Session – October 06, 2015

On Tuesday, October 06, 2015, the Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission work session began at 6:10PM at the Fire Hall.

Chair Fred Schrock opened the meeting leading with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those serving our country past and present.

Members present were Chairman Fred Schrock, Vice Chairman Jim Tripp, Janine Goddard, Frank Marra, Sean Giblin and Alternate Dan Stout.

Tonight's meeting included Trustees Bob Toman, Fred Houston and Fiscal Officer Jim DeCenso. Artie Spellman was unable to attend.

One (1) guest was present – Dee Tripp; plus Inspector Wayne Sarna.

Chair Fred Schrock told those present that our Consultant, George Smerigan, was not able to attend tonight's meeting. He will be available for future meetings.

Fred Schrock welcomed the trustees to tonight's meeting.

Sean Giblin is now a regular member of the Zoning Commission, replacing Ron Niemiec, and Dan Stout is now the Alternate, replacing Sean Giblin.

The purpose of tonight's work session is to present an overview of the proposed Zoning Resolution to the trustees, to listen to their thoughts, points and concerns before the commission has a public hearing. This way the commission can work on them before the public hearing. It is better to handle the issues now.

Tonight's meeting is also open to the public.

Fred Schrock stated that the proposed Zoning Resolution is not yet complete.

Jim Tripp submitted items that were not included in the draft.

The construction of the proposed Zoning Resolution is an ongoing course; there may be items that are still not in the book. The commission is ready to complete the book; to move ahead. After listening to the concerns, the commission will go over them and finalize the draft.

Fred Schrock noted that Inspector Wayne Sarna also spent many years as a commission member working on the Zoning Commission draft. Also all members, and previous members spent a lot of time on this book. They all had a vital part in the making of the Zoning Resolution draft. Fred said he wants this meeting to be a progressive meeting.

The next four hours were spent with the trustees, the commission members and other guests asking for more clarification of certain sections and suggestions on many items. A list will be compiled and forwarded to our consultant, George Smerigan, for his thoughts; along with some corrections and changes.

October 13, 2015 will be our next regular meeting, held at the Fire Hall at 6:00PM. Fred Schrock and Frank Marra will be excused from this meeting.

Also the next work session will be on November 03, 2015 at 6:00PM to be held at the Town Hall due to election night. Consultant George Smerigan may be available.

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Janine Goddard made a motion to adjourn at 10:25PM; seconded by Sean Giblin. Motion carried.

Janine Goddard Secretary