

2014 Minutes of Ellsworth Zoning Meeting

Feb. 13, 2014

2014-004

On Thursday, February 13, 2014 the Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission Regular Meeting began at 6:04PM at the Town Hall.

Chairman Fred Schrock opened the meeting leading with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our service personnel.

Members present were Chairman Fred Schrock, Ishraq Hafiz, Janine Goddard, Jim Tripp and Frank Marra. One (1) guest was present – Dee Tripp.

Chairman Fred Schrock welcomed Frank Marra as an official regular Zoning member effective as of Jan. 15, 2014.

Minutes were read by Secretary Janine Goddard.

For Jan. 14, 2014 minutes, motion was made by Ishraq Hafiz to approve minutes as read with corrections, seconded by Frank Marra. Motion carried.

Chairman Schrock followed up that at the hearing for the Shidel zone change held Feb. 08, 2014 at 8:00AM, all trustees voted yes to approve the zone change. And that none of those who opposed the zone change were present at this hearing.

For Feb. 06, 2014 minutes, motion was made by Ishraq Hafiz to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Jim Tripp. Motion carried.

Chairman Schrock mentioned that the Zoning Commission name list and other Ellsworth township departments should be updated and everyone given a copy.

Old business – Ishraq Hafiz said that we are still waiting on a response from the Prosecutor's Office regarding the letter the Zoning Commission received from Mr. James McDonald of 10801 Berlin Station Rd, Canfield, OH 44406 addressing four-wheelers and gun shots. Discussed were the remarks from Trustee Fred Houston regarding setbacks and signs. He was told that you cannot put signs in the right-of-way due to safety hazards. Ishraq Hafiz said that on a state route you need an okay from the State of Ohio to put up a sign. Also discussed was the work that was done on Western Reserve Rd and on RT 45 by the State of Ohio.

Chairman Schrock said that we need to get the policy statement issued by the trustees regarding our meetings on attendance and pay to alert Frank Marra on procedures. He also told Janine Goddard that the minutes are to be forwarded to the trustees once approved by the Zoning Commission. They are to given to Karen Grittie either by email, US Mail or both. Chairman Schrock also suggested that we ask Karen Grittie for a copy of the trustee's minutes also. We were told by Dee Tripp that they are available at the trustee's meetings, but only after they have been approved, but these copies do not have any of the corrections on them.

Ishraq Hafiz remarked that the Official Zoning Map is not updated, that we need to cross reference it to all zone changes. And have it corrected. Also brought up was replatting and rezoning. And that Mahoning County takes care of the updating of the plat maps.

New Business – A motion was made by Ishraq Hafiz and seconded by Janine Goddard to change our work session to the first Thursday of the month and our regular meeting to the second Thursday of the month. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn by Jim Tripp, seconded by Janine Goddard. Motion carried at 6:59PM.

Motion to move to Work Session.

Discussed were areas George Smerigan asked us to review. Section 502 – NONCONFORMING USES, 502.D – Enlargement of Use. We are questioning the 20%. Section 503 - NON CONFORMING STRUCTURES, 503.A – Alterations or Enlargements – we are asking why do we want a nonconforming structure or use be allowed to expand at all. Section 503.B – Restoration of Damaged Structures – we want to lower that to 50% and change wording to replacement value of the building.

Was reiterated that the Zoning Inspector handles permits for R1 and Ag.

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We discussed more of Jim Tripp's list of questions.

Discussed a little about Land Use – what it is and that it does need thought out.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:05PM by Janine Goddard, seconded by Frank Marra. Motion carried.

Janine Goddard
Secretary