

2015 Minutes of Ellsworth Zoning Meeting
Work Session – September 01, 2015

2015-014

On Tuesday, September 01, 2015, the Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission work session began at 6:05PM at the Fire Hall.

Chairman 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, and Alternate Sean Giblin. Absent is Frank Marra – unexcused.

Three (3) guests were present – Dee Tripp, Bob Toman, Artie Spellman; plus Inspector Wayne Sarna (off and on). Also present was Consultant George Smerigan.

Fred Schrock went over what the commission has been working on the past few months. He said he did turn in our Land Use map on August 25, 2015 to the Mahoning County Planning Commission and our Concept of Growth plan.

Janine Goddard received a signed and recorded copy of 15ZC001 thru 15ZC004 which was adopted by the trustees on August 07, 2015. It was recorded with Mahoning County on Vol 128, pages 231 through 263.

Fred Schrock talked about how the final document was returned to the Zoning Commission. It was not in proper form to put in the current zoning ordinance.

George Smerigan's advice was to put it in the back of the current Zoning Ordinance book as an addendum. In the proposed Zoning Resolution, it would be put in the proper chapter.

George Smerigan went over setbacks in the proposed Zoning Resolution draft. He said we will keep what we have and add a line to put in what the trustees missed.

There was discussion between Jim Tripp and George Smerigan regarding setbacks on Agricultural Districts with a residential dwelling. George said that courts are not supportive having different rules for individual properties in the same district. He said they are not supportive on changing setbacks or controlling individual properties in the same district.

Sean Giblin asked if there was any concern about leeching from an Industrial property, George Smerigan said there is always a concern.

The Commission and George Smerigan went over the list of changes and corrections that Jim Tripp had from the previous week.

Everyone agreed with Jim Tripp on adding wording under Powers and Duties of the Zoning Inspector.

Discussion changed to Outdoor Advertising Signs. George Smerigan went over what the township can and cannot do on regulating signs.

The law has changed to allow us to regulate uses in a subdivision and we have in our draft what the law allows.

Fred Schrock said that the commission along with Consultant George Smerigan should get together with the trustees to review the proposed Zoning Resolution draft.

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Our projected workshop meeting with the trustees will be October 6, 2015 at the Fire hall at 6:00PM. We will make sure all the trustees and Inspector Wayne Sarna have a copy of the updated draft.

On October 13, 2015 will be the regular meeting, at the Fire hall at 6:00PM.

Janine Goddard made a motion at 8:05PM to adjourn; seconded by Sean Giblin. Roll call vote – Jim Tripp – yes; Sean Giblin – yes; Fred Schrock – yes; Janine Goddard – yes. Motion carried.

Janine Goddard
Secretary