

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**2017-10**

Minutes of *Ellsworth Zoning Commission*  
Regular Meeting  
Held *October 10, 2017*

On Tuesday, October 10, 2017; the Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission's regular meeting began at 6:00 PM at the Fire Hall.

Chair Sean Giblin 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 Chair Sean Giblin, Vice Chair Jim Mayberry, Janine Goddard, Dan Stout, Pete Rich and Alternate Clint Whitehair. Clint Whitehair temporarily filled in for Pete until his arrival.

Three (3) guests were present. Inspector Wayne Sarna was also present.

Janine Goddard made a motion to approve September 12, 2017 minutes, seconded by Jim Mayberry. Roll call vote: Sean Giblin – yes; Jim Mayberry – yes; Janine Goddard – yes; Dan Stout – yes; Clint Whitehair – yes. Motion carried.

Sean Giblin asked Jim Tripp about the Board of Appeals meeting with the Harter's. The appeal was denied, reason given was it would not cause a hardship. The hardship the Harter's claimed was self-created. This was in accordance to the Zoning Resolution.

***AS REPORTED BY INSPECTOR WAYNE SARNA:***

**Report of Permits**

**SEPTEMBER:**

- #9-21-2017; Robert McCracken, 7041 S Duck Creek Rd – outside deck.

A letter, dated August 15, 2017, from the Mahoning County Board of Elections was read regarding "Addressing Yard Sign Confusion" in reference to political signs. The letter referenced the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment and free speech.

Dan Stout questioned the size allowed on political signs.

The commission decided to not recommend an amendment to the Zoning Resolution for political sign removal.

Videoing or recording our meetings was discussed; mainly on where a person should stand to record / video the meeting. Also the commission want to have something in writing; a policy for this. It should include a statement on having a person who is participating in discussions during the meeting to have someone else do their recording, to avoid distraction. It was decided to give this some thought and finalize it at our November 2017 meeting.

Also discussed was the burying a pet in the same cemetery as with people. Our Zoning Resolution does not address this issue. The commission decided to leave it as it is.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:44PM; seconded by Janine Goddard. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Sean Giblin – yes; Jim Mayberry – yes; Janine Goddard – yes; Pete Rich – yes; Dan Stout – yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Janine Goddard  
Secretary