

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 8, 2019

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those serving and those who have served.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Sean Giblin, Chair; Jim Mayberry, Vice Chair, Dee Tripp, Secretary, Dan Stout, Member; Pete Rich, Member and John Paine, Alternate.

Pete Rich made a motion to accept the minutes of the 9/10/2019 meeting as submitted. Jim Mayberry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jim Mayberry-yes; Sean Giblin-yes; Dan Stout Stout-yes; Pete Rich-yes; Dee Tripp-yes. Motion passed.

ZONING INSPECTOR

Four permits issued since last report:

- 1) Front porch on Gault Road; fee \$25.
- 2) Attached garage and porch on Western Reserve Road; fee \$119
- 3) Deck on back and porch on front of home on Diehl Road; Fee \$25
- 4) Two decks on rear of home on Akron Canfield Road; fee \$50

Letter was sent to property owner on Elk Road regarding removal of mobile home. If owner does not respond, Prosecutor's office will be contacted to pursue a zoning violation for allowing a nuisance.

The home located at 9914 West Hill has been torn down and debris removed.

The property owner who was notified about dumping tree stumps on his property on Leffingwell Road agreed to clean up the property but needed time.

The property on Knauf Road will be inspected again to ensure the drainage problem caused by a new home being built has been corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Stout asked about the status of the house on Route 45, south of 224 where there is a hole in the roof, and someone is dumping debris. Wayne had contacted the County previously, and the owner was instructed to clean up the property, so they placed a blue tarp over the hole in the roof which has blown off. Wayne will contact the owner again.

Dan Stout asked about the high grass at another property on Route 45. Wayne explained that the owner is deceased, and the estate has not yet gone through probate, but he will contact the county. Someone suggested we ask the fire department to burn it down if the owner agrees. Artie explained that there are so many other nuisance homes that need torn down and since the taxes are being paid on this house, it would be low on the list.

Dan Stout asked the status on the recycle bins being removed from the Fire Hall area. This issue was discussed in April when Kim Lewis from the Green Team gave a presentation. Bob Toman explained that the costs did not go up as much as they expected and so Ellsworth signed a contract to keep the recycle bins where they are for another 3 years.

Sean Giblin suggested we invite the County Engineer as our next speaker. Dee agreed and suggested we wait until after the holidays.

Artie Spellman reported that the Trustees had invited Steve Avery from Mill Creek Park to attend their last meeting to discuss their plans for the Buckeye Horse Farm. He said Mill Creek plans to keep the equestrian theme for the park and open the large lake to the public for fishing. At the Trustee meeting there were several recommendations including allowing the house to remain since it was purchased through the Sears Catalog and should be kept for historical reasons. Anyone interested in submitting suggestions should do so on the Mill Creek Metroparks website – then click Department Directors – then Steve Avery – email. Or phone Mill Creek at 330-702-3000.

Larry Spencer asked about cell towers being erected on private property. After a brief discussion, it was pointed out that the local zoning regulations must comply with the several state and federal agencies who regulate these towers.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to adjourn. Dan Stout seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pete Rich-yes; Jim Mayberry-yes; Sean Giblin-yes; Dan Stout-yes; Dee Tripp-yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned approximately 6:55 PM.

Dolores Tripp, Secretary