

2015 Minutes of Ellsworth Zoning Meeting
Regular Meeting – January 13, 2015

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On Tuesday, January 13, 2015, the Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission regular meeting began at 6:10PM at the Fire 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, Janine Goddard, Jim Tripp, Frank Marra and Alternate Ron Niemiec who filled in for Ishraq Hafiz. Absent was Ishraq Hafiz (excused).

Three (3) guests were present. Dee Tripp, Bob Toman, Artie Spellman.

Tonight's meeting is being recorded.

Motion to approve as amended, December 17, 2014 minutes previously read by the commission members was made by Ron Niemiec, seconded by Jim Tripp. Motion carried.

Motion to approve as amended, January 06, 2015 minutes previously read by the commission members was made by Ron Niemiec, seconded by Frank Marra. Motion carried.

Chairman Fred Schrock mentioned that we could not hold our reorganization meeting tonight, that we were still waiting on word from Ishraq Hafiz, whose term expires February 04, 2015, if she was interested in coming back plus who all the official people are going to be for 2015. Also the trustees are going to be circulating a posting of anyone who is interested in running for the Zoning Commission or Zoning Appeals Board, to let them know by the end of the month. And the trustees will act on that at their next regular meeting in February. The organizational meeting is held to elect the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the new year and the current members continue to serve until those appointments are made.

Chairman Fred Schrock said he would like to see Alternate Ron Niemiec to be nominated as the next regular member.

Bob Toman suggested that we should ask the commission member if they are interested in continuing their expired position in the zoning commission. Maybe start in November.

Bob Toman asked if the trustees can get a copy of the minutes emailed to them also before their monthly meeting. Currently a copy of the minutes just goes to the fiscal officer, Karen Grittie.

We are checking with Wayne Sarna on the legal procedure on holding a reorganization meeting. What is past practice? Wayne does not see why we couldn't hold the meeting without all the current members present. Also, is the reorganization meeting to be advertised with a legal notice in the Vindicator? Answer to the Vindicator is no.

The commission went over the appointment dates of all the commission members. And last organization meeting was held on January 14, 2014. It was decided to go ahead with the organization meeting tonight.

ORGANIZATION MEETING @ 6:20PM

Ron Niemiec nominated Fred Schrock as Chairman, seconded by Frank Marra, nomination carried.

Janine Goddard nominated Jim Tripp as Vice Chairman, seconded by Ron Niemiec, nomination carried.

Ron Niemiec nominated Janine Goddard as Secretary, seconded by Jim Tripp, nomination carried.

Janine Goddard made a motion to confirm that the meetings will be held on the first and second Tuesdays of each month at 6:00PM with the first Tuesday being a work session, the second

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Tuesday being a regular meeting held at the Fire hall except on election nights. Those will be held at the Town Hall. Ron Niemiec seconded it. Motion carried.

Organization meeting ended at 6:25PM. Back to the regular meeting.

Fred Schrock read the trustee minutes from January 04, 2014 regarding missing meetings. And Fred said that it was discussed at the trustees last meeting and Bob Toman commented that the commission's minutes need to be marked "excused" or "unexcused" when a member is absent. At this point, we are leaving it up to the Chairman to make the decision whether it is an excused or unexcused absence. Fred brought up the ORC 3.17 Failure to attend meetings. It stated at least need to attend 3/5th of the meetings in a two year period. Bob Toman felt that the Townships rules trump the Ohio Revised Code. A lot of discussion on this matter.

Ron Niemiec suggested that the 3 meeting rule be eliminated. Jim Tripp felt that we abide by the O.R.C. We ended up with the census being to leave the 3 meeting rule alone for now.

Fred Schrock received an invoice dated December 30, 2014 from Consultant George Smerigan for \$250.00. This took us thru the end of the December 2014. So far a total of \$11,950.00 has been spent on consultant fees. Fred said that the commission needs to relay to the trustees to consider the higher amount of \$15,000 that was allocated to the zoning commission to complete the resolution and Land Use Plan.

Regular meeting was closed at 7:14pm and the commission moved to a work session.

In regards to the Official Zoning Map, Consultant George Smerigan says that it needs to comply with our Zoning Regulations. Fred Schrock had asked if the map needs to be redone. George had told him that the proposed map and resolution need to be submitted together to the Mahoning Planning Commission.

Fred Schrock said that we would be adding the Water Reserve District to the new resolution. And on the current Official Zoning Map (dated 1998), we need to eliminate R4 District, replace B1 & B2 with just B District and just Industrial (not split). Fred also noted that the Official Zoning Map and the current GIS map are different. The zoning commission felt that the new Official Zoning Map should show parcels lines for greater detail. Also brought up by Fred Schrock was the multi-zoning on parcels. It was suggested should we change the R1 to the property line and eliminate the small areas that are zoned agriculture. It was also said that the trustees have a later Official Zoning Map.

Fred Schrock in summary said;

- No further action will be done on the map with George Smerigan until other current matters are resolved.
- We need to get a copy of the latest Official Zoning Map first (the trustees will get a copy) before proceeding.

Jim Tripp had a few questions and changes for the zoning resolution.

- Pg 6-2; in the Matrix, change NP to P under R2 for single family attached dwelling.
- Questioned if we should keep definition – Manufactured Homes if it doesn't appear in the resolution.
- Pg 9-2; Section 903, 1st sentence - change the word approval to recommendation.

Fred Schrock reiterated the trustees should be designated to get ahold of the Official Zoning Map.

Motion is made to adjourn at 8:10PM by Ron Niemiec; seconded by Jim Tripp. Motion carried.

Janine Goddard
Secretary